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Dear Mr & Mrs Walker,

CRANBOURNE WEST PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN

Thank you for your recent email to the Minister for Planning regarding the Cranbourne West Precinct Structure Plan. I am replying on the Minister's behalf.

Casey City Council has recently undertaken a five-year review of the Cranbourne West Precinct Structure Plan. This was to ensure consistency with any updated state or local government policy and, in particular, to respond to the introduction of the reformed commercial and industrial zones.

At the 21 October 2014 council meeting, the council officer's report recommended that a number of relatively minor amendments to the Cranbourne West Precinct Structure Plan (the structure plan) be put out for public consultation for a period of four weeks. The changes include introducing a mixed-use zone along the interface between the employment and residential land, and the re-designation of 200 hectares of industrial land to employment land to better reflect the intended Commercial 2 Zone.

The councillors' resolution further amended the changes to the structure plan by re-designating the 200 hectares of land designated for employment uses to residential. Council sought the community's feedback about the proposed changes from 29 January 2015 to 24 February 2015.

To date, the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning has received no planning scheme amendment authorisation request from council.

If there is a request from council, the Planning Scheme Amendment process will allow the community to make their views known. The Planning Scheme Amendment process that council will need to follow is:

- Council makes an amendment authorisation request to the Minister for Planning
- If the request is authorised, council will publicly exhibit the amendment for a period of time and people can make submissions
- If there are submissions which cannot be resolved by council, it will request that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Planning Panel

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- Planning Panels provide independent assessment of planning proposals through the consideration of submissions, through conducting hearings and preparing reports
- The panel will make a recommendation to council to consider. Council will then make a decision to either adopt the amendment, abandon it or adopt it with changes
- If council proceeds with a planning scheme amendment, it will lodge it with the Minister for Planning for approval.

Thank you for raising this important issue with me.

If you require further information, please contact Kat Olesen, Planner, of Planning Services on telephone (03) 9098 8933.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Bergin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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