

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition Number: 693
Petition Sponsored by: Moira Deeming
Directed to: Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP
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Petition Grievance:

The petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council that Cairnlea residents are deeply concerned about Development Victoria's proposed redevelopment of the estate. Development Victoria's own online survey showed strong preferences for family-sized dwellings and community facilities from a vast majority of respondents. Yet the Cairnlea Estate Master Plan released months later reflected almost the opposite of what residents had called for, disregarding local views.

Residents call for a Precinct Structure Plans that includes a diverse range of housing options, not solely high-density dwellings and an indoor multipurpose recreational facility with an aquatic centre and integrated parks and sporting fields accessible to residents of all ages and abilities.

These vital amenities are essential for fostering the health, wellbeing, and social cohesion of our community, especially considering the very close proximity to two gambling venues. The inclusion of these amenities is sound social policy that builds strong community in a local government area with the second highest level of socio-economic disadvantage in all Metropolitan Melbourne. A balanced and well-planned development, incorporating these elements, will create a thriving and sustainable community for all.

Petition Action:

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council call on the Government to urgently reconsider the proposed Cairnlea Estate Master Plan and develop a Precinct Structure Plan that includes a diverse range of housing options, an indoor multipurpose recreational facility with an aquatic centre and integrated parks and sporting fields.

Reply:

I thank the member for the Western Metropolitan Region for sponsoring this petition on behalf of her constituents.

I acknowledge the concerns raised regarding the proposed Cairnlea Development Plan. I am advised by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) that this specific seeks to facilitate development within the final stages of the Cairnlea Estate and would provide for approximately 275 to 315 conventional housing lots and between 80 to 160 medium density or townhouse lots. It also makes provision for 6.4 hectares of open space, comprising a balanced mix of unencumbered and encumbered areas to support recreation, environmental values, and community amenity.

In relation to open space, the overlay requires the preparation of a concept plan for the proposed active space and Gateway Hill areas. The area under consideration of this Development Plan includes a Landscape Plan which nominates open space areas which will include playgrounds, teenage play equipment, picnic areas with shelters/BBQs, tree planting and lawns.

The DPO4 does not require the provision of formal sporting facilities in this specific area and accordingly these are not proposed as part of this Development Plan.

Development Victoria advises the final stage of Cairnlea could include using the Reid Street parcel for organised sport/community open spaces, both of which are valued by the community. This site is not

within the boundary of the current Cairnlea Development Plan under consideration. Further questions on the future plans for the area can be directed to the Minister for Development Victoria.

The delivery of housing within this site is supported by State and local planning policy, is strategically underpinned by local land use planning and is informed by a range of technical background reports.

I trust that this response addresses the matters raised in the petition and provides clarity on the planning framework and strategic considerations underpinning the proposed Cairnlea Development Plan.



Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP
Minister for Planning

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