

Response to questions on notice. 2/5/25

What we asked, why we sought meetings.
Meetings and problems we have had

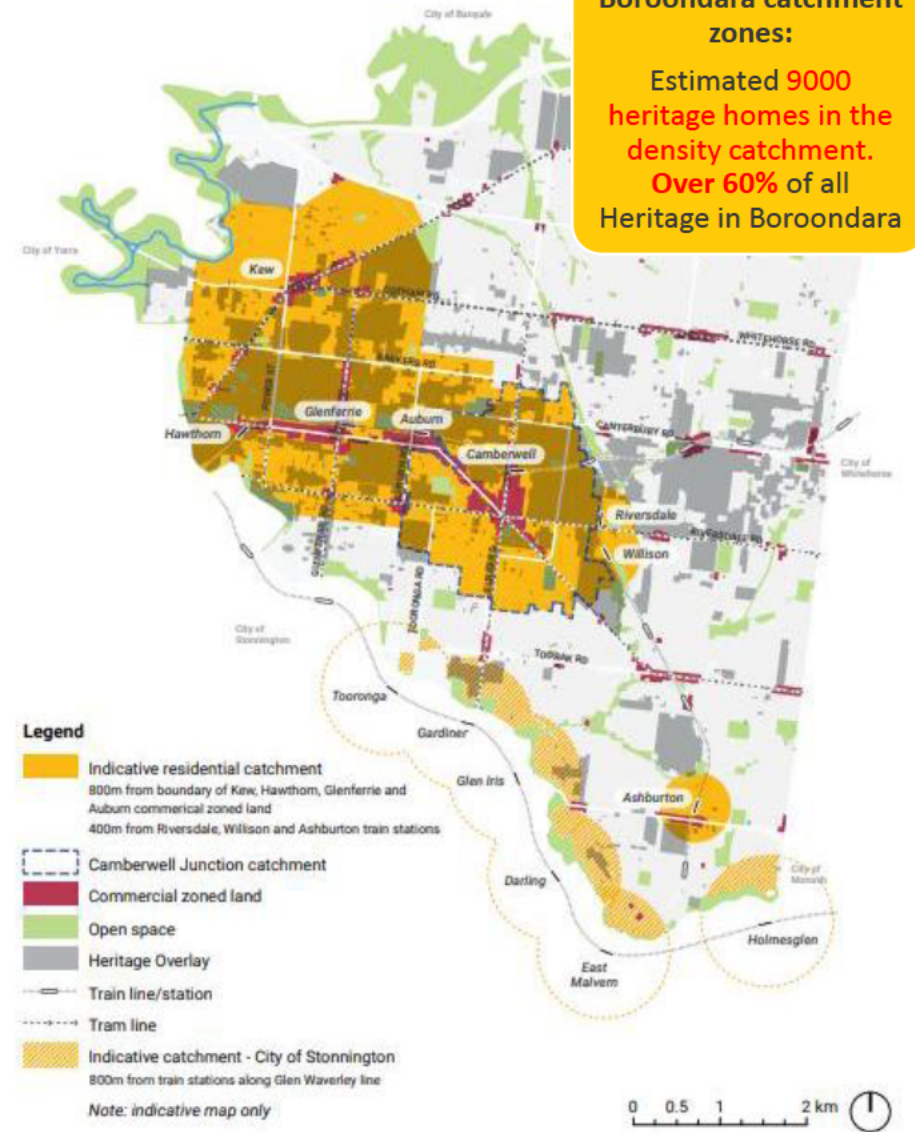
*State Planning seems to have applied
absolutely NO tailoring of new
controls or HCTZ for Heritage
precincts or places*

*No involvement by any Heritage
Stakeholders in design of controls.
Narrow input by Development
Industry ONLY*

*Confusion for
community and
councils: Heritage
Overlay will become
undermined and
ineffective despite
State Planning "HO
remains" response*

*Could impact 50,000
heritage houses in
Victoria* *Charter 29*

*3-6 storey buildings in 1-2 storey historic
streetscapes & conservation areas are contrary
to Australian cultural heritage and conservation
principles*



Questions we had and the contact we have had

Date	With whom?	Type of contact	Community objectives	Comments	Requests we made/response provided	Did it meet community expectations?
24/9/24 (After a number of calls to request a meeting since Aug/Sept 2024)	Mr John Berger MLC	Face to face @ his office. Boroondara Heritage Group and Bayside Heritage committee members	To raise concerns about WCZ's and the significant negative impact they will have on Heritage streetscapes in precincts. 50% of Camberwell Junction-AC is 4500 heritage houses	Impression was that catchment detail and heritage impact had not been explained to our MP by DTP	We asked for a meeting with VPA or other Govt representatives to seek clarification about the intended impact in heritage streets	Meeting was helpful but we were never given a response as to whether we could have a meeting with VPA
8/10/24	Mr John Berger MLC	Face to face in Camberwell	To show Mr Berger: -- -some of the 24 heritage precincts in the WCZ and - luxury apartments being built in Camberwell - affordable flats to be demolished - Requested to meet Minister or VPA	Mr Berger still unsure of exact heritage impact in WCZ. We asked if he would seek for us a meeting with government	Asked to meet VPA or Minister	Meeting helpful but no response ever given re our second request for a meeting with VPA or minister Did not meet expectations Community felt blocked

Questions we had and the contact we have had (2)

Date	With whom?	Type of contact	Community objectives	Comments	Requests we made/response provided	Did it meet community expectations?
9/10/24	Mr Ryan Batchelor MLC	Face to face in Camberwell	To brief Mr Batchelor on community concerns			
21/10/24			<p>To show Mr Batchelor --some of the 24 heritage precincts in the Camberwell Junction WCZ. Also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - luxury apartments being built in Camberwell - affordable flats to be demolished 		<p>Request for further clarity about whether 3-6 storey apartments will be permitted in a heritage precinct & why this would be considered acceptable heritage conservation</p>	<p>Meeting helpful but Mr Batchelor could not answer our questions about what development will be permitted in a heritage precinct</p> <p>We had hoped this would be clarified by DTP via Mr Batchelor, but this has never been clarified. Only response from DTP is: "HO will remain"</p> <p>Does not meet community expectations Community been blocked from getting answers</p>

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11/2/25	DTP & VPA attended Boroondara Community forum in Hawthorn	Community Town hall forum 300-400+ attendees	Get clarity on the unanswered questions re heritage impact we had posed via Mr's Berger, Batchelor and Monique Ryan MP	200 questions posed via Slido. Only 10 questions posed to panel Meeting closed 30 mins early	Several heritage questions posed. 1 answered vaguely. No clarity at all. Asked DTP representatives after the meeting how we could pass on our concerns and get some answers. Was told: - "Participate in the next survey for the next 4 activity centres" - "Minister very busy"	Community expectations not met Govt unwilling to answer our reasonable questions
Around 2/4/25	Communications officer of VPA – responsible for developing new communications materials in 2025	Face to face	Share problems community had with round 1 survey and leaflet and zoom session etc. Seek contact to get the meeting with DTP we had sought for 6 months		- Asked if we could get help to meet with the state planner/DTP	No offer of meeting with DTP received. Community still blocked from getting ANY heritage related questions answered

Questions we had and the contact we have had (3)

We can't get any confirmation from our government sadly, but our conclusion is: Fast and "forever" residential heritage streetscape deterioration will happen

New controls give blanket approval for 3-6 storeys on non contributory lots on narrow residential heritage streets.

Communities likely to ultimately disengage with their custodian role at their home and in their heritage precinct.



Examples:

These disruptive, overpowering forms will according to the controls be encouraged by the HCTZ in heritage overlays on all streets. (most only 6-8m wide)



We are just trying to find out what DTP's 5–20-year vision is for precincts in the Heritage Overlay.
Is that unreasonable?

