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Dear Cr Dwight

PLANNING FOR A SAFE CLIMATE FOR VICTORIANS

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 November 2022 to the Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP about planning for a safe climate. The Minister has asked me to respond on their behalf as Victoria has entered into caretaker period leading up to the State Election on the 26 November 2022.

Victoria's planning system has an important role in supporting the resilience of our cities and towns. Policies, standards and referral processes already operate to apply climate change considerations to planning decisions. The *Built Environment Adaptation Action Plan*, one of seven climate change action plans released in February 2022, outlines a five-year plan to strengthen planning and building system responses to climate change adaptation.

Victoria's Climate Change Strategy ensures legislated targets, regulatory measures, incentives, and investments are being applied to support the transition from fossil fuel energy generation to renewables. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has also been active in supporting the update of energy performance standards for new homes from six stars to seven stars, under the *National Construction Code*.

Earlier this year the Victoria Planning Provisions were amended to introduce an additional purpose into planning schemes to respond to climate change. Changes to facilitate all-electric homes and deployment of neighbourhood batteries were also introduced.

DELWP welcomes further suggestions and input from the Greenhouse Alliances and the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment. I understand DELWP officers have recently met with representatives of both groups and agreed to meet on a quarterly basis.

If you would like more information about this matter, please contact Phil Burn, Director of Planning Systems Reform, DELWP on 0407 864 097 or email phillip.burn@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

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