

# Have your say on planning scheme changes

## Information bulletin for Amendment C150

Less red tape and clearer planning rules are the goals of an amendment being planned by Knox Council.

The community has until 19 September 2016 to give feedback, via formal submissions, on a new amendment to the Knox Planning Scheme. Amendment C150 proposes to restructure and update the local section of the Knox Planning Scheme to be relevant, contemporary, and reflect Council's current strategic direction for Knox.

### Why is Council doing this?

Amendment C150 will help Council to implement key recommendations from the *Knox Planning Scheme Review 2015*. It will also bring the planning scheme in line with State planning policy and the Council's current strategic directions and plans (including the *Knox City Plan 2013-2017*, *Integrated City Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-2017*, and the *Knox Integrated Transport Plan 2015-2025*).

### What is changing?

The key features are:

1. A clearer and less repetitive Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) setting out Council's vision for land use and development in Knox. The revised MSS will guide decision making on planning applications and sets out ways to address issues such as housing growth, liveability for local residents and managing activity centres.
2. Introduction of four new local policies on advertising signs, non-residential uses in residential areas, gaming and environmentally sustainable development.
3. Some updated zone and overlay schedules to improve clarity and reduce red tape.

### How does it affect me?

The MSS and local planning policies provide a vision and policy direction for land use and development in Knox, while zones and overlays trigger the need for a planning permit and provide more specific planning provisions.

Council will assess planning permit applications against the MSS and local policies, as well as the zones and overlays. Proposals that are inconsistent are likely to be refused by Council.

## Where can I get more information?

You can check out Amendment C150 from 8 August at:

- Council's website: [www.knox.vic.gov.au/C150](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/C150)
- Knox City Council , Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South
- Knox local libraries
- Email [psamendments@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:psamendments@knox.vic.gov.au)
- Phone: Strategic Planning Team on 9298 8000

## How can I make a submission?

If you would like to make a formal submission to Amendment C150, then you must do this by **5pm, Monday 19 September 2016** by:

- Complete the online submission form on Councils website: [www.knox.vic.gov.au/C150](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/C150)
- Email: [psamendments@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:psamendments@knox.vic.gov.au) (Attention: Submission to Amendment C150); or
- Write a letter to (no stamp required):  
City Futures, Knox City Council  
Reply paid 70243  
WANTIRNA SOUTH VIC 3152

**Your submission must include your name, postal or email address and the reference number Amendment C150.**

Please note that, in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council must make a copy of every submission available at its office for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

## What happens next?

Council will consider all submissions and, where possible, make changes to Amendment C150. An independent Planning Panel will review any unresolved submissions. Anyone who has made a submission can be heard by the Panel. If a submitter does not wish to be heard in person, the written submission is considered.

Following a Panel Hearing (if required), Council will receive a report from the Panel with recommendations about how to proceed with the Amendment. Council may then decide whether or not to adopt Amendment C150, or adopt the Amendment with changes.

If adopted by Council, an Amendment only becomes part of the Knox Planning Scheme if and when it is approved by the Minister for Planning. All submitters will be notified of when Amendment C150 will next be considered by Council. Submitters may also be contacted by Planning Panels Victoria (only if a Panel Hearing is required).