

23 August 2021

# Notice of Motion No.125

## State Government initiated changes to Planning Schemes

I hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Council Meeting on 23 August 2021:

That Council:

1. Notes Amendment GC172, gazetted on the 18th December 2020 reflected changes unilaterally authorised and approved by the State Minister for Planning, which overrode Council's feedback on the changes and Council's request for community consultation.
2. Write to the Minister for Planning requesting a review of Amendment GC172 to:
  - a. Ensure that the strategic intent of Knox Council's Foothills policy, existing place based plans and Knox's Housing strategy (having been considered by independent panels and embedded in the Knox planning scheme) have not been undermined by the centralised state initiated changes; and
  - b. Validate whether the claims that the changes are policy neutral (as advised by the State Government) is correct and that no unintended consequences have occurred.
3. Notes that the success of the Knox Housing strategy is under pinned by well-drafted structure plans and local strategic plans that have been developed with extensive community engagement and the review and assessment of independent planning panels.
4. Notes that where changes are proposed, or have been implemented by the State Government to the Victoria Planning Provisions and/or the Knox Planning Scheme that may impact on local Knox planning policies and plans; the changes are assessed by expert officers and advice is provided to Council as required.
5. Consider tailored approaches to advocacy in response to State Government proposed or implemented changes to the Victoria Planning Provisions and/or the Knox Planning Scheme that may impact on local Knox planning policies and plans; particularly where community input has shaped these local policies or plans.

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