

PLANNING LAW CHANGES SOUGHT BY MELBOURNES COMMUNITIES

The following are changes to Victorian laws related to planning, that are sought for by communities all across Melbourne to support community and retain Melbourne's liveability

BANNING OF DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

1. THAT the Victorian Parliament ban developer contributions to political parties and individual politicians.

RESTORE PROTECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES

2. THAT the Minister for Planning reverse the change that he recently introduced that allows multi-unit construction in Neighbourhood Residential Zones and restore the two dwelling limit.
3. THAT the Minister for Planning reverses the change that he recently introduced increasing the maximum height in Neighbourhood and General Residential zones back to mandatory maximum heights of 8 metres and 9 metres.

IMPLEMENT MANDATORY HEIGHTS AND SETBACKS IN MIXED USE AND COMMERCIAL ZONES AT COUNCIL DISCRETION

4. THAT the Minister for Planning introduce immediate interim height controls to the Mixed Use zone and Commercial Zones for any metropolitan councils that apply for it, through the introduction of a Design and Development Overlay (DDO) specifying a maximum development height control of 13 metres and protection of a 10 metres setback for existing buildings and approve the advertising of corresponding concurrent amendments to the planning scheme.

INTRODUCE PROTECTION FOR MELBOURNE'S HERITAGE RETAIL STRIPS

5. THAT the Minister for Planning introduce immediate protection for heritage strip shopping streets through an interim amendment to local planning schemes for any Metropolitan Councils that apply, to alter the building and works requirements of the Commercial 1 and Activity Centres zones requirements to include:
 - a. a permit to demolish buildings
 - b. for new buildings and works that:
 - i. a 10 metres setback of an existing frontage is protected from development.
 - ii. further than 10 metres from the frontage, no building can exceed 11.5 metres in height

and that the Minister approve the advertising of corresponding concurrent amendments to apply to these requirements only to buildings constructed prior to 1939.

ABANDON PLANS TO EXPAND FAST TRACKED NO REVIEW VICSMART APPLICATIONS

6. THAT the Minister for Planning abandon plans to expand the use of fast-tracked VicSmart approvals that increase site density and ensure this process is limited to minor works only