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Dear Chris

AMENDMENT C234BALL – BALLARAT WEST PSP AND DCP REVIEW

Thank you for your notification of Planning Scheme Amendment C234ball to the Head, Transport for Victoria (Head, TfV) on 2 July 2025.

The Head, TfV is a statutory authority established by s64A of the Transport Integration Act 2010 responsible for coordinating, providing, operating and maintaining the public transport system, the freight rail network and the road system in Victoria.

Amendment C234ball proposes to amend the Ballarat Planning Scheme by incorporating the following documents into Clause 72.04:

- Ballarat West Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), February 2025, and
- Ballarat West Development Contribution Plan (DCP), February 2025.

DTP has reviewed Amendment C234ball as it relates to the state-managed transport system. Under delegation of Head, TfV, DTP objects to the amendment which includes the signalisation of Ballarat-Carngham Road in the PSP and DCP. DTP also requests changes to Plan 17 to address the Future Western Link Road.

Ballarat-Carngham Road Intersection

Ballarat-Carngham Road is a State-managed road under the *Road Management Act 2004*, and DTP supports retaining the four-lane two-way roundabout at this intersection.

The current PSP (2012) includes a four-lane two-way roundabout as the appropriate design solution both for the interim and final stages at the intersection.

DTP has raised significant concerns with the proposed change and had advised the council since 2024 that it does not support a signalised intersection at this location.

The signalisation of this intersection is not supported on the following grounds:

- a) Ballarat-Carngham Road is a declared arterial road and is proposed to be duplicated to cater for population growth in Ballarat West precinct. The Ballarat-Carngham duplication is a State Government priority.
- b) Ballarat-Carngham Road is a Strategic Cycling Corridor.
- c) DTP's internal traffic analysis and modelling demonstrates that a two-lane two-way signalised intersection does not provide an appropriate level of service, and would have substantial negative impacts on the safe and efficient operation of the road network.

A four-lane two-way roundabout is the appropriate intersection type for this location. The proposed two-lane two-way signalised intersection will not operate efficiently based on the predicted traffic demand at this location.

- d) Planning Permit Application P/2024/313 for the Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC) is currently being considered by the council. The Head, TfV, as the determining authority under Section 55 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, supported the application (subject to conditions) included a requirement for pedestrian operated signals between Presentation Boulevard and Cumberland Boulevard on Ballarat-Carngham Road.
- e) The existing Ballarat-Carngham Road road reserve, Presentation Boulevard road reserve and the PAO1 on the north side of Ballarat-Carngham Road are insufficient to accommodate the full design of the four-lane two-way round about including active transport infrastructure.
- f) Additional land will be required on the southeast corner of the intersection to accommodate a four-lane two-way roundabout design as well as active transport infrastructure, therefore mechanisms should be implemented to reserve and acquire land on the southeast corner of the intersection to provide for the roundabout.

Intersections with Future Western Link Road

Plan 17 'Road Network' in Part 5 of the exhibited PSP (February 2025) does not include the notation 'Western Link Road intersections subject to further investigations' which is included in the current PSP.

The Future Western Link Road intersects with Glenelg Highway and Midland Highway. It is requested that this notation be reinstated and further amended to add "including consultation with Head, Transport for Victoria".

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please contact [REDACTED], Transport Planner, via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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