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Dear Mr Lawrence

**REQUEST TO REMOVE MINIMUM CAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS FROM PLANNING SCHEMES**

Thank you for your email of 5 May 2021 requesting the removal of minimum car parking requirements from planning schemes in locations along the Principal Public Transport Network or within walking distance of a tram or train stop.

I note your concern about the impact of car parking on traffic congestion, air pollution and the cost of new housing.

The car parking provisions in Clause 52.06 (Car parking) of the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) specify state standard car parking requirements that apply to different uses. The standard car parking requirements ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality. The clause also allows a planning permit to be granted to reduce the standard car parking requirements (including reducing the requirement to zero) where appropriate.

Locations with access to high-quality public transport can result in a reduced demand for car parking. This is reflected in the reduced car parking requirements for land within 400 metres of the Principal Public Transport Network that were introduced by the Victorian Government in 2018.

While no further work to amend the state standard car parking requirements is currently being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, councils can use the Parking Overlay to manage car parking in a local area and to specify variations to the standard car parking requirements in Clause 52.06 (Car parking). In most cases, a car parking plan is prepared by the council that identifies car parking needs and issues, relates these to broader social, economic and environmental considerations and sets out the car parking objectives for the local area.

Thank you again for writing to me about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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