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Dear Colleague

As you will no doubt be aware from the media coverage the Brumby Government has just released its response to the report of the Melbourne 2030 Audit Expert Group (AEG). The response is titled *Planning for all of Melbourne* and it outlines the key steps which the Government intends to take to manage Melbourne's ongoing growth.

The AEG report and *Planning for all of Melbourne* were prepared in the context of Melbourne growing at a much faster rate (around 1,200 people a week) than had previously been expected. From 2001 to 2006 Melbourne grew by more than 86,000 households - that's 30,000 more than Sydney and more than Brisbane and Perth combined. The growth areas continue to play a critical role in accommodating that growth.

There are a number of elements in *Planning for all of Melbourne* that relate directly to the growth areas and the role of the GAA. In particular the Government's commitment to continue to:

- ensure up to 25 years supply of land for future urban development (with a minimum of 15 years);
- use the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) as a growth management tool to direct greenfields development to the areas best served by major transport infrastructure and employment opportunities;
- streamline planning processes in the growth areas to reduce costs to developers and homeowners.

Other key growth area commitments in *Planning for all of Melbourne* include:

- completion of all 37 Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) within the UGB within four years;
- incorporating into PSPs investment plans for supporting infrastructure to be delivered in step with development;
- accelerate planning and delivery of extensions to the public transport network to meet the needs of planned new communities in growth areas;
- accelerating mapping and assessment of native vegetation and fauna habit in growth areas as part of PSP preparation so as to provide greater certainty for future development; and
- preparation of open space plans for each growth area by the GAA in cooperation with the councils, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and the Department for Sustainability and Environment.

All in all a substantial and critically important set of tasks for the GAA and our partner organizations - councils, developers and government agencies. We look forward to continuing our effective work together.

Go to www@dpced.vic.gov.au for further information on 'Planning for all of Melbourne.'

If you have any questions about these matters please call us.

Cheers
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