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Dear Colleague

Following the Premier's announcement in March about planning reform in the Growth Areas, I'm pleased to advise that the new Urban Growth Zone has now been gazetted. Additionally he has announced \$9 million of additional funding to assist in mapping of Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity and a further review of the development system. This will improve outcomes and save time and money for all those involved in the development process.

The Minister for Planning's media release on the announcement is attached, and for a copy of the UGZ map and the VPP practice note, go to our website at [www.gaa.vic.gov.au](http://www.gaa.vic.gov.au)

For those of you who may be interested in a career at the GAA, please also check out the job opportunities section of our web site.

We are now working hard on new guidelines for Precinct Structure Plans. Draft guidelines will soon be released for consultation. Together, we need to work together to address important issues including density, housing choice, access to jobs and transport links.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted the GAA and the Department to bring this new zone into existence. It will be a helpful and more flexible planning tool for future growth area developments.

As always, if you wish to be taken off our email list please respond to [vicki.passmore@gaa.vic.gov.au](mailto:vicki.passmore@gaa.vic.gov.au)

I'll continue to keep you in touch with developing issues but if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

Cheers  
Peter