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Dear Colleagues

As you know the GAA has been working to improve the planning process for our Growth Areas.

Yesterday the Minister launched the new Draft Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines, which are now available for comment.

The new Guidelines will cover all land earmarked for development within Melbourne's growth areas and in other broad hectare locations. Once approved by the Minister they will replace the interim guidelines issued in September 2006, and will guide planning authorities on the issues that should be considered in planning for development in our growth areas.

The Guidelines form part of a package of reforms including the creation of the Urban Growth Zone announced by the Premier in March. These reforms will streamline the development process in the growth areas of Casey-Cardinia, Hume, Melton-Caroline Springs, Whittlesea and Wyndham.

The revised guidelines seek to update the outcomes that are sought for the Growth Areas, give more detail about what content is expected and help clarify some complex areas including biodiversity. The aim is to provide better clarity to the process, aiming for a quicker, more predictable but better planning processes and outcomes leading to the quality and diversity that we all seek for Melbourne's new suburbs.

Copies of the draft Guidelines can be downloaded from www.gaa.vic.gov.au. If you would like a hard copy please let us know.

Submissions can be made until 14 November 2008, or if you wish to discuss these please contact Steve Dunn, our Director of Policy and Strategy on tel 03 96519603.

Comments can be emailed to pspguidelines@gaa.vic.gov.au or mailed to the address below.

I look forward to receiving any comments you may have.

Regards
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