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Dear Colleague

Following the Premier's announcement a couple of weeks ago the GAA is building up a small but powerful team to manage planning and infrastructure provision in Melbourne's Growth Areas. We will be splitting our planning group into two, the first concentrating on developing new planning processes and facilitating development in the Growth Areas, and the second, working with Councils and developers, undertaking detailed precinct structure planning.

I'm very pleased to let you know that **Steve Dunn**, currently Executive Director of Metropolitan Planning in the Department of Planning and Community Development, will be joining us to head up the first group while Greg Bursill, our current Director of Planning, will build and run a new team to manage Precinct Structure Planning.

Steve is a very well known planner with excellent experience and qualifications. He has been the Planning Director in several Councils including Knox, Yarra, Port Phillip and Melton, and is able to bring together skills in Local Government, Growth Area planning and a strong knowledge of State Government. This role will be critical in tackling the range of issues facing the growth areas and will have a strong role in managing the reform of growth area planning.

I believe his decision to join us reflects the importance of this work to our State, and with Steve and Greg I believe we have the best planners in the State for the heavy work schedule we have ahead of us.

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

Cheers

Peter