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Dear Colleague,

For those of you who don't read the Melbourne papers, you might have missed an announcement by the Premier this morning relating to the efforts that are being made to speed up the supply of zoned land in Melbourne's Growth Areas.

We will be talking to Councils, the development industry and major stakeholders in the near future to roll this out.

The new blanket 'Urban Growth Zone' will apply to all broadacre areas inside the Urban Growth Boundary across the five growth areas and assist the Growth Areas Authority and Councils to bring forward enough land for 90,000 new residential blocks.

The new zone is an important tool that merges the strategic planning and land rezoning approval processes into one step with the Precinct Structure Plan becoming the detailed planning control for development sites.

Our emphasis is on 'doing the work once, getting it right the first time' saving everybody time and money.

I attach some information for you - the Premier's speech this morning to the UDIA conference and his press release .

A fact sheet on the new 'Urban Growth Zone' will come online in the coming days.

Regards,

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