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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2026 regarding the Clarkefield Township and Growth Area.

As advised in the letter to Macedon Ranges Shire Council Chief Executive Officer dated 22 November 2024, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) is currently considering a draft planning scheme amendment and combined planning permit application for the proposed expansion of the Clarkefield township, in consultation with council and relevant referral authorities. DTP has been engaging with council officers on the draft amendment since June 2025, and these discussions remain ongoing.

I share Council's view that the community should have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal and I am committed to undertaking public consultation on the draft amendment and planning permit application.

The draft amendment for consultation will include a full package of strategic documents responding to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme. The Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) will be considered in accordance with Part 3AAB of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) in the preparation of any planning scheme amendment to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme.

Council will be notified when consultation is expected to commence and I welcome further feedback from the council on the proposal as part of the consultation period.

Should you require further information, please contact Acting Executive Director, Adam Henson, State Planning Assessment and Facilitation, DTP at adam.henson@transport.vic.gov.au.

I trust this reassures you of my commitment to consulting with the community on this proposal. Thank you again for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 1/4/2026