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Dear Sir/Madam,

RESIDENTIAL ZONES REVIEW

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *New Residential Zones for Victoria* discussion paper.

We welcome the proposal for introducing a Limited Change Zone that recognises that some existing residential areas in Victoria need to be protected due to their special neighbourhood character, their vegetation and landscape significance, and that they have a limited opportunity for increased housing.

As my above address would indicate, we live in the suburb of Beaumaris, which is relatively prominent in terms of indigenous and native Australian trees in the landscape of reserves, residential land and streetscapes. This vegetation character gives Beaumaris a suburban environment that is of high value and appeal, and has great significance as an example, for others and the future, of the charm, suitability and sustainability that results from retaining and emphasising the use of a locality's characteristic indigenous plants. A Limited Change Zone for Beaumaris would hopefully recognise the special vegetation significance of our suburb which is not adequately protected by existing residential zoning.

We also wish to express our concern that the discussion paper proposes to limit the current rights of residents to object to applications for one, or more than one, dwelling from the usual notice requirements and from review at VCAT. As a lawyer  I am particularly concerned at this erosion of existing rights.

We look forward to the further development of and an opportunity for additional comment upon the new residential zones for Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

