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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.

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

I live in the suburb of Beaumaris, which has a relative prominence of indigenous and native Australian trees in the landscape of reserves, residential land and streets. The 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 not adequately protected by existing residential zoning.

I express 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 notice and review at VCAT.

I look forward to the further development and opportunity for comment on the new residential zones for Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

