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SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO

Modernising Victoria's Planning Act

*Discussion Paper on Opportunities to Improve the
Planning & Environment Act 1987*

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These observations are in response to the discussion paper issued on opportunities to improve the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and have been prepared on behalf of the Urban Development Institute of Victoria.

ISSUES

Issue 1

Do we need a new car or a major service?

A major service should suffice.

Issue 2

What is in a name?

Whether there should be a change in the name of the Act or whether there should be a change in the role of planning legislation should come out of the review. However, it is not anticipated that changing the name of the Act itself will change the role of the planning system even if it were felt that such a change was necessary.

Issue 3

The objectives of planning in Victoria

In the practical application of the Planning and Environment Act, it is not considered that the objectives of planning in Victoria of themselves, play a critical role.

The objectives are there to deliver a suite of planning controls that reflect the advancement of those objectives. To that end, as policy is being developed for issues such as climate change, housing affordability and the like, it probably would be appropriate to amend the objectives of planning to reflect those specific matters although, on one view they could be considered to be subsets of current objectives.

