

Monday

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I would like to submit the following as my Submission regarding the above.

I think that the development of land should require an independent opinion, as even Councils are open to corruption by Developers, set on making a profit. State Governments are equally liable. So my first suggestion is to employ in a permanent position, an independent overseer for all new land developments, as a part of all Victorian Councils and Shires., under the auspices of an Office of Overseer within the State Government, whose processes should be open to public scrutiny.

Secondly, I think that new buildings should be encouraged to be smaller, and large ones subject to a penalty, depending on size. All new buildings should be required to have on site water storage, in the form of tanks, and should be built with a provision for future solar power. Both of these should be subsidised by the State Government. Existing trees of a certain diameter should be retained on building blocks unless at variance with the siting of the building to make the most of the available sunlight.

Like many Victorians, I am disappointed with the lack of action on the State Government's 20/20 Plan, which supported the building of greater density dwellings around existing public transport hubs. I have considerable concern about our cities becoming unsustainable, due to suburban growth.

, I have been impressed by the State Government's acquisition of Government land within urban areas for the building of new homes, and hope that this vision will not be damaged by the development of yet more land on the fringes of our cities. I would also like to see the establishment of Community Gardens on Public Land, as these will become essential with the looming Climate Crisis, as a way of building Community and sharing knowledge about growing food .

Transport:-

I would like to see greater attention applied to the recovery of train lines, closed down during the Kennett years, and to see more attention given to the provision of rail over road development.