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Attention: Mr Peter Allen

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Dear Mr Allen

NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONES FOR VICTORIA

Thank you for your letter dated 17 February 2009 inviting VicRoads' submission on the *New Residential Zones for Victoria - Consultation draft*.

One of VicRoads' key challenges is to address traffic congestion on the arterial road network.

The Substantial Change Zone has the capacity to increase residential densities in areas where traffic congestion is already relatively high.

I note that the proposed new zones do not affect the provisions of Clause 52.29 relating to creating or altering access to arterial roads. However, many development proposals have the capacity to impact the arterial road network without triggering the permit requirement under Clause 52.29. VicRoads currently has the ability to comment on planning permit applications which may impact on the arterial road network when notice of an application is given under sec 52 of the Act.

Without knowing the mechanism for including in a schedule to the new zones the exemptions from Sec 52 notice and Sec 64 appeal, I would ask the Advisory Committee to ensure that Government servicing agencies are not excluded from this important part of the development assessment process.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this advice, please contact Mr Frank Berra on tel. 98542546.

Yours sincerely

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