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Subject New residential zones for Victoria Consultation Draft

The document "New residential zones for Victoria Consultation Draft" is unclear, indefinite, incomplete and not understandable as a stand alone document and not useful as a public consultation document. It has numerous references to other identified controls without adequate explanation of what is in them, what they are attached to, who controls them or by what process they may be changed. It also contains terms that are unclear and ambiguous without a distinguishing dictionary in the document. The document, covering letter, information sheet and website offer no guide as to where these references may be found or obtained to help understand the document. Information Victoria (1300366356), the recommended party for obtaining information about the consultation draft, advise that it is the responsibility of local councils to provide any necessary backup documentation. This must rank as one of the most disgraceful buckpassing acts ever by any department. Surely it is the responsibility of DPCD to provide a holistic suitable consultation draft. Do they pay councils for doing DPCD's job? One can only assume DPCD has not budgeted for and does not want proper public consideration of the document (or perhaps they are simply incompetent at public consultation).

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