



14 April 2025

David Kenwood

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kenwood

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

I am writing in response to your public question taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 26 March 2025.

#### **The public question reads as follows:**

State Government's Plan for Victoria at Map 15 "Geelong in the Future" reaffirms the Bellarine's Distinct Areas and Landscapes including protected settlement boundaries for all our region's towns and villages and Geelong's new settlement areas to the west and north of the city. Map 4 "Regional Local Government Area Housing Targets" for the Barwon region sets a housing target for the Borough of Queenscliffe of 400 dwellings.

Can the Mayor and CEO provide an update, including a timeline, for the Government funded Planning Scheme Amendment required for the 2023 Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy to be incorporated into the Queenscliffe Planning Scheme, and provide some information about how the Borough, as the smallest Local Government Area in Victoria, will be able to achieve the State's housing target by 2051.

#### **In response to the question, I provide the following advice:**

Advice from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) regional office is that work is continuing on the Stage 1 Ministerial Amendment to the Bellarine Peninsula Statement of Planning Policy (formerly referred to as the DAL) into the relevant planning schemes however no specific timeline for the finalisation of the implementation has been provided.

In relation to the housing targets set by the State Government out to 2051, it is understood that it will be up to the individual Councils to investigate, identify land, develop local strategies and amend planning schemes where necessary over time to help achieve the

housing targets. The State Government has indicated they will facilitate the achievement of housing targets in the event such work is not progressed by the local Council.

Yours sincerely

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**Martin Gill**  
**Chief Executive Officer**