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RE: Amendment C95 to the Frankston Planning Scheme - State Govt Planning Panel Report

To: Frankston CEO, Mayor and Councillors
CC: Submitters to the C95 Amendment Planning Panel & Planning Panels Victoria

We are concerned about the processes pertaining to C95.

We understand the C95 Planning Panel Report was recently received by Council and that it is planned for this amendment to be decided upon at a Council meeting in the near future.

We urgently request:

1. immediate release of the Planning Panel Report for public review (via return email and/or website),
2. adequate public consultation before a Council decision is made, and
3. that Councillors are given sufficient time to receive and review residents' opinions on the Amendment and its ramifications.

The stated reason for calling the Planning Panel was to facilitate transparency and good governance.

Given the significance of this amendment, which affects most of the residential land in Frankston, we consider that both Council and residents should gain a full understanding of the report and its implications.

As no Councillors attended the Planning Panel to hear public's views, it is clear that they require further briefing on these complex issues. We are confident that the majority of Panel submitters are prepared to share their community vision and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Contrary to popular belief, this amendment does not need to be finalised by 1 July, 2014. Whilst not ideal or in line with many residents' sentiments, after that date, the current Residential Zones will default to the new General Residential Zone, which will be the interim control until Council finalises its amendment and/or implements any subsequent amendments. This has been confirmed by the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure.

We believe that if this is voted through in advance of releasing the report to the public, except from being in the Council meeting agenda, it would show a disturbing lack of respect for the Frankston community. We expect Frankston Council to uphold natural justice, best practice, adequate disclosure and above all accountability in this matter.

On behalf of the residents of Seaford,

Chairman,
Seaford Community Committee (SCC)

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