

## **A Planning Disaster in Progress**

Former Planning Minister Matthew Guy is surely to be acknowledged for his clever ‘Logical Inclusions’ policy created in 2012 which has made it possible for the currently proposed 630 hectare development between Dore Road/Ryan Road (former UGB) and Mt. Ararat Road (see Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan) to be promoted by the Victorian Planning Authority with cooperation of Cardinia Shire Council.

Information sessions jointly run by VPA and Cardinia Shire Council showed how the planned development will completely transform the landscape both north and south of the Princes Highway between Pakenham and Nar Nar Goon, removing vegetation and widening the highway as the required concrete and bitumen is laid out for roads and extensive construction.

Of course a keen developer is already gearing up to get going, negotiating with land owners and lopping down trees, however community input via submissions is invited by VPA and possibly extending to a hearing by an appointed planning panel which of course will take time.

Ironically, current Planning Minister Richard Wynne will be responsible for the final decision in response to the Cardinia Shire Council application for planning Amendment 234 to allow for such inappropriate and unsustainable development to go ahead.

Community submissions were invited, see either VPA or Council website, VPA having agreed to allow extension of time if required.

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