RESPONSE:

1. There are a number of examples that encourage the delivery of housing diversity across planning schemes in Melbourne.

2. Most of these policies are for areas where the housing stock is predominately detached housing on larger blocks. The policies are generally directed to achieving a mix of housing types by encouraging smaller dwellings of 1 to 2 bedrooms to complement the existing housing stock.

3. In the supporting policy documents of Casey, Whitehorse and Whittlesea there is a strong theme for medium density housing to be encouraged which also comes through in current policy documents of NSW and Queensland which are trying to combat what they call the 'missing middle.'1 There are also a number of local policies which seek to encourage and/or regulate housing for specific groups including aged care accommodation and student housing.

4. A summary which identifies a number of key policies has been provided in Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 – Examples of policies encouraging diversity in housing

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