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Dear Resident

RE: *Brimbank's Drainage Construction Schemes Policy*

You will recall that your property was affected by one of two drainage construction schemes, for the "Matthews Hill" area proposed by Council in May 2003.

It was originally Council's intention the policy and procedure related to drainage construction schemes be reviewed following the implementation of the two schemes. However, while Council was considering the Parsons Street schemes and undertaking discussions with affected residents, the State Government was considering the Local Government (Democratic Reform) Bill which proposed a number of changes to the Local Government Act 1989 including changing some of the requirements related to these types of schemes.

A Council decision on the declaration of the two drainage construction schemes was held in abeyance in recognition of

- Council's earlier intention to review the Policy including implementation process, and
- The affect that the legislative changes would have on Council's policy

Council has now redrafted its policy with respect to Drainage Construction Schemes and has advertised its desire to consult with the community on the redrafted policy.

Please find enclosed for your information the following documents:-

- Draft Drainage Construction Schemes Policy
- Explanatory Document
- Survey Form (with reply paid envelope).

If you would like to make a submission you are advised that the closing time for written submissions is the: -

Close of Business on the 22nd October 2004.

Your submission must be in writing, by

- A letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 70 Sunshine 3020
- OR
- By completing and returning the Survey provided.

Council will be considering verbal submissions at Council's General Purpose Advisory Committee meeting at 6.00 pm on the 9th November 2004. If you wish to make a verbal submission you must advise Council of this in your written submission. If you would like someone else to make a verbal submission on your behalf you should also advise Council of this, including the details of that person, in your written submission.

What if I want more information?

If you require further information you may: -

- Contact Council's Customer Services on 9249 4000
- Email Council on dscheme@brimbank.vic.gov.au
- Attend an Information Evening on the 14th October 2004. *Please register your interest in attending the information evening by phoning Council's Customer Services on 9249 4000*

Information Evening

An Information Evening will be held in the Auditorium at the Victoria University, Sunshine Campus at 7.30 pm on the 14th October 2004.

The Information Evening will be attended by Councillors and Council officers and will be aimed at clarifying questions raised. No decisions will be made on the night.

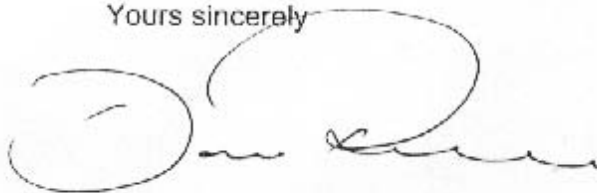
What happens then?

If you advise us that you (or your representative) would like the opportunity to be heard, Council will confirm your request and also advise how much time you (or your representative) will be allocated in order to make your presentation, given the limited time available.

The Council's General Purpose Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting is a forum purely for the Councillors to hear presentations. No decisions are made at GPAC meetings. This meeting will be conducted in the Council Chambers at the municipal offices in Sunshine.

Following consideration of all submissions, Council will then further consider the Drainage Construction Schemes policy.

Yours sincerely



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