

Media Response

31 October 2025



Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

Council is continuing to monitor and adapt to the on-going State Government reforms to planning to ensure we can provide the best planning outcomes for our community.

Council will also continue to advocate to the State Government for a planning system that provides for the right balance between enabling appropriate development, while also considering the views of existing communities.

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Media Enquiry

30 October 2025

From Dandenong Journal

Please see media release below. In combination with the proposed train and tram zones in Springvale, Noble Park, Yarraman and Dandenong - what implications does this have for the future of planning at Greater Dandenong Council?

1. Will it lead to Greater Dandenong making cuts to its planning department? Has this already started? How many jobs and what quantity of savings have eventuated so far?

2. What does Greater Dandenong think of the State Government taking further control of the planning realm from councils as well as the loss of third-party rights?

3. Is Greater Dandenong now going to focus more on strategic planning? And what sort of 'strategic planning' is it planning to do?