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Hon Sonya Kilkenney MP
Minister for Planning
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Dear Minister,

Whitehorse City Council SLO-9 Vegetation Overlay

We write in support of Whitehorse City Council's request for the Significant Landscape Overlay (Schedule 9) to be made permanent.

We are aware of strong evidence pointing to the success of the SLO-9 control in protecting the valued tree canopy of Whitehorse.

Whitehorse is renowned for its treed landscapes that are highly valued as environmental, climate, social, health and amenity assets for the municipality.

The SLO-9 overlay control (with suitable zone controls) offers the best opportunity to protect this landscape character while allowing for new housing in keeping with the government's housing strategies and tree canopy targets.

The addition of statewide provisions over tree protection in September 2025 (Clause 52.37 - Canopy Trees) provides a useful complement to the SLO-9 overlay and can co-exist with it, but cannot be seen as an effective substitute for a proven, readily enforceable local provision tailored to the defining landscape character of Whitehorse.

We therefore urge the government, once and for all, to settle this temporary control and make it permanent - a step that would give much needed certainty for these parts of Whitehorse.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Curry
President

The Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Progress Association acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land in our area. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.