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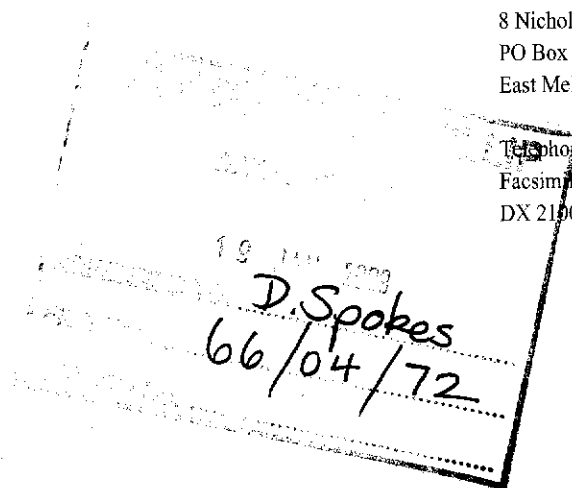
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Dear Mr Spokes

PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY (INCLUSIONARY ZONING)

Thank you for your letter regarding your proposal for an affordable housing overlay and the responses you have provided to some of the questions raised at your presentation on 11 September 2008. I am responding also on behalf of Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Housing.

Housing affordability remains one of the Victorian Government's priorities. We have initiated a wide range of reforms to Victoria's planning system to support housing affordability. These include working with councils to plan for future community needs regarding the amount and diversity of housing needed and to implement the new residential zones to increase certainty for communities and developers about the location of future housing.

The Government is considering a range of policy options to stimulate the production of affordable housing. I would like to thank you once again for your detailed proposal which will be considered in the light of the options being examined.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Planning

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