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Attention: John Christie, Chief Executive Officer
13 May 2026

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Re: Letter of support – City of Belmont Draft Local Planning Policy No. 21

On behalf of Belmont Community Environmental Champions Incorporated, I write to express our strong support for the City of Belmont's Draft Local Planning Policy No. 21 (Draft LPP 21). We commend the City for progressing planning measures that recognise the value of established trees and increased urban canopy as the City continues to grow and change.

The City of Belmont is experiencing ongoing infill and redevelopment, including around activity centres and key transport corridors. Without clear expectations at the development stage, incremental vegetation loss can reduce neighbourhood liveability.

Draft LPP 21 is a timely and practical response that helps balance redevelopment with protection and replacement of valued vegetation.

We support Draft LPP 21 because it strengthens decision-making by providing clearer guidance for applicants and more consistent assessment outcomes. It encourages proponents to plan for tree retention and meaningful replacement early - reducing avoidable removals and supporting better streetscape outcomes for the broader community.

In particular, we support the policy's intent to:

- Retain and protect established trees where feasible, particularly where they contribute to local amenity and canopy cover;

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- Improve canopy outcomes over time through meaningful replacement planting where removal is unavoidable;
- Support liveable neighbourhoods by improving shade, streetscapes and the public realm; and
- Contribute to local resilience to heat and a healthier urban environment for residents and visitors.

We encourage the City to support implementation of Draft LPP 21 with clear application guidance (including consistent definitions and submission requirements) and ongoing community education, so the policy is easy to apply and delivers measurable canopy benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with City officers to discuss practical implementation and community partnership opportunities, including raising awareness and communication with community.

Yours sincerely,

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