

# Conversations.

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## Riddells Creek booming?

AFTER reading the submissions from Riddells Creek residents on C100 I am alarmed at what Macedon Ranges Council is proposing for Riddells Creek.

At the December 16 meeting of the council a decision will be made to decide how to progress the planning scheme amendment.

The exhibited plan differs considerably from the Riddells Creek Structure Plan, which was written after extensive consultation.

The amendment proposes to rezone 241ha from Rural Living Zone to Urban Growth Zone. This is despite the fact that only 57ha are required to meet demand until 2036.

This indicates that the amendment will provide approximately 100 years of land supply (assuming constant growth rates into the future). This is manifestly excessive.

To provide this level of land supply would completely undermine the council's growth management role and commit the town to urban expansion not just in the immediate future but for generations to come.

Future generations will have to live with it whether they like it or not.

The State Government's Plan Melbourne Refresh discussion document suggests that growth areas should accommodate 25 dwellings per ha.

At that rate, the land proposed to be rezoned would accommodate 6025 houses and approximately 14,000 people.

Riddells Creek would then be roughly five times its current population, plus more growth from the proposed C110 rural living zone changes.



Sunbury Community Health recently won a major award.

Council didn't consult Riddells Creek residents about changes in C100, or growth on this level.

Council must defer a decision, change C100 to reflect the Structure Plan and the State Government's intentions to protect and re-consult residents, or council must abandon C100.

**LYN HOVEY, Riddells Creek**

## Serving your health

I HAD the great pleasure of attending the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards and

was delighted to applaud Sunbury Community Health for being named the 2015 Primary Health Service of the Year.

I am proud to lead an organisation that counts SCH among its members and I am sure I join Sunbury residents in congratulating them for being recognised as one of Victoria's leading health services.

On behalf of the Victorian Healthcare Association I congratulate Sunbury Community Health on its accomplishment and wish them all the best for 2016.

**TOM SYMONDSON, Victorian Healthcare Association chief executive**