

**From:** Peter Seamer  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 December 2008 2:19 PM  
**Subject:** Update

---

Dear Colleague,

This is just a short note to update you on Growth Area matters prior to Christmas.

The last few weeks have seen very significant Government announcements on the Growth Area as well as broader directions for the development of Melbourne and its transport system.

Two key growth area planning directions were the decision to review the UGB (see DPCD or GAA website) and the announcement of the Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution (refer GAA web site) which is a revised version of the infrastructure levy announced by the Government in 2005.

Both these issues will be coming to fruition in mid to late 2009, but if you have any enquiries about them please contact our office.

The transport plan ( The Victorian Transport Plan) is a powerful blueprint for transport infrastructure development in Melbourne and it is particularly good that there is an emphasis on setting directions for the outer areas of Melbourne. Having a series of major projects incorporated in the plan and having a clear direction for transport will greatly assist our planning work.

Next year is going to be very busy for the GAA, a few key items being:

- \* the completion of up to eight PSPs in conjunction with growth area Councils
- \* being involved, with DPCD and others in the research behind the UGB investigation zones
- \* Streamlining 2: the review of processes in the development cycle post PSPs, i.e. permits, dealing with utilities, subdivision processes etc
- \* completion of infrastructure investment plans for all growth areas
- \* working with Councils on their infrastructure charges
- \* completion of the native vegetation and fauna surveys for all growth areas
- \* completion of the PSP guidelines
- \* implementation of the Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution
- \* as well as a range of planning and facilitation issues, etc.

We'll be busy. Our office will not be closing over the Christmas- New Year period, although we might have a few faces missing.

In closing on behalf of everyone at the GAA I'd like to thank you for your support over the past year, and wish you a happy Christmas and rewarding New year,

Regards  
Peter