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Dear Ian,

Re: Port Phillip Planning Scheme - Amendment C25

We believe the preliminary discussions which have occurred following your letter dated 8 November 2001 have been useful and should be pursued further.

We also note the modifications to the exhibited Amendment made by Council during October 2001.

As foreshadowed in our submission on the Amendment and in the recent discussions, it is our intention to submit a building design for the site as part of our presentation to the Panel to assist the Panel in better understanding our submission on the ultimate form and content of the Amendment.

We believe that this approach will assist both the Panel and the general public in discussing the Amendment by reference to specific development outcomes rather than focusing on abstract envelopes and guidelines. We also believe that this approach is in accordance with the recommended approach of the Esplanade Hotel Working Group.

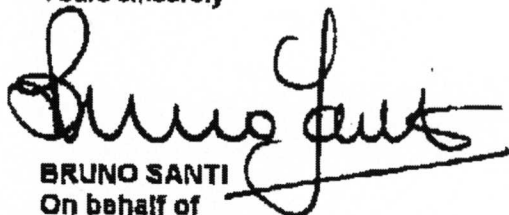
We believe it would be appropriate for the building design to be put out on informal public exhibition to enable comments from the community. It would be inappropriate for such a process to take place over the Christmas holiday period and we therefore believe it would be sensible to defer the scheduled Panel hearing to enable further discussions, consultation and informed debate to take place.

Further discussions and subsequent exhibition of the building plans could take place in the early part of next year with the resumption of the Panel proceedings after that process has been completed, say late March or early April 2002.

We propose to put this approach to the Panel at the directions hearing scheduled for 12 December 2001 and hope to have the Council's support.

We look forward to your response and continued participation in the discussions in an effort to produce an excellent overall design outcome for this significant property.

Yours sincerely



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