



Submission to Urban Futures Strategy (UFS), Surf Coast Shire Council

From: Friends of Lorne

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Thank you for asking the community for a second review of the Urban Futures Strategy. We welcome your commitment to retain the unique township and surrounding landscape character, to maintain the existing settlement boundaries, to provide for limited future housing growth “consistent with the township character” and to prioritise smaller dwelling types.

For our part, we wish to reiterate all the points we made in our previous submission on 29 December 2023 especially that more explicit focus be placed on using existing homes, given that 69% are vacant for most of the time in Lorne. So, rather than simply seeing the UFS as a case of land supply planning, we would like the SCSC to investigate and support other options, such as shared equity schemes for purchase of existing homes and for SCSC to take the initiative to reduce short term rentals. We would also request that the SCSC advocate for stamp duty relief for homebuyers who are key and essential workers. Use of existing housing stock conserves our environment and makes more efficient use of existing physical infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to we have had to make input to your policy.

Yours sincerely,

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