My question is regarding apartment design standards and specifically the ‘Better Apartments’ review by the Planning Ministers department last year.

Recently it has come to our attention the Planning department is behind schedule with the Better Apartments review from last year.

We know how much this Council, but particularly the Lord Mayor as recognised recently by the Planning Institute of Australia through their top award for advocating quality design, care about good design, but the need for design standards.

Since this Council is a member of the Municipal Association of Victoria, could it request MAV to lobby the Planning Minister to continue to make this a priority. We are concerned the Minister may not have the same sense of urgency as the residents of our municipalities.