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Minister for Planning announces re-zoning of land at 135, 225 & 285 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham.

Folkestone refers to previous advice provided in respect of the 320 hectare parcel of land at 135, 225 & 285 Donnybrook Road in Mickleham it holds in a 20:80 joint venture with the AMP Capital Investors' managed Select Property Portfolio Number 2 Fund.

Folkestone advises that the Minister for Planning has today announced the re-zoning of the land from farmland to Business 3 zoning.

Please refer to the attached Media Release from the Minister for Planning for further information.

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10,000 JOBS- \$1 BILLION INVESTMENT FOR PEOPLE OF HUME

The rezoning of farmland to make way for a business park in Donnybrook, could bring up to 10,000 new jobs to the Hume area.

Planning Minister Justin Madden said the rezoning was another example of the Brumby Government taking action to create jobs in Victoria.

“The rezoning of this land will bring office and industrial jobs to the area and over the next 20 years this development will boost Victoria’s economy with investments of \$1 billion,” Mr Madden said.

“The land will be used for a range of employment-related businesses creating more than 1000 new jobs during construction, and 10,000 new jobs when the business park is finished.”

Today’s announcement follows last weeks announcement by the Premier John Brumby that the Government would move the Urban Growth Boundary to help with the predicted 1.8 million people expected to arrive in Melbourne between 2006 to 2036.

“This is a great example of the sort of employment the Brumby Government wants to facilitate. We want to give people a choice about living and working locally,” Mr Madden said.

He said today’s announcement would also help conserve native vegetation while allowing for the future preservation of very significant Victorian woodland.

Part of the agreement will add more than 33 hectares of endangered plains grassy woodland to a conservation reserve.

A further 1.8 hectares of creekline tussock grassland will be protected and managed by Hume City Council as a conservation reserve.

Folkestone, the developer of the land, together with MAB Corporation, the owner of employment land directly north of this site, have made a commitment to contribute \$20 million towards the upgrade of infrastructure to this part of Mickleham.

Mr Madden said Folkestone and MAB have committed to providing these services within 12 months.

The Member for Yuroke Liz Beattie MP welcomed the announcement as a local boost for the community.

“Today’s announcement is great news in the current economic climate. It will mean local jobs for local people,” Ms Beattie said.

“This area has been identified as having excellent links to transport and the growing community, and will continue to make Victoria, the best place, to live, work, and raise a family.”

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