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VCAT rules in favour of fire station in Victoria Road, Beechworth

A fire brigade station in Victoria Road Beechworth will now go ahead following a decision by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The CFA applied to Indigo Shire Council for a permit to build a new fire station in Victoria Road, Beechworth, last year but after objections from residents the Council refused the application for a permit. The VCAT decision overturns Council's decision.

Indigo Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that Council had listened to the community on this issue and supported residents who were concerned about a fire station in their street.

"Council felt it was important to support the community on this issue. We acknowledge the importance of having a CFA station in Beechworth and we applaud the good work the CFA does on many fronts," Cr Pockley said.

"But in this instance we felt the community's views needed to be uppermost in our thinking. This is democracy in action and while the VCAT decision has overturned Council's position, we will work with the CFA and the community for the best outcome for all."

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