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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR CITIES AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

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Cr Sophie Ramsey
Mayor
City of Melton
PO Box 21
MELTON VIC 3337

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter dated 16 February 2017 providing an overview of the City of Melton and Council's current priorities.

In April 2016 the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, launched the Government's Smart Cities Plan – a plan for supporting productive, accessible, liveable cities that attract talent, encourage innovation and create jobs and growth.

Cities such as Melton have an important stake in the development of cities policy in Australia. It is in Australia's fast growing outer suburbs where many of the issues and challenges facing our cities are most keenly felt.

The primary tool for delivering the Smart Cities Plan are city deals. These are agreements between all levels of government to collaborate on investment, planning and reform in a defined area. They are tailored to address local needs. Australia's first city deal was signed for Townsville in December 2016, and deals for Launceston and Western Sydney will be signed later this year.

The Government plans to develop city deals across Australia, in both regional and capital cities. The Prime Minister has written to state and territory leaders to offer to work collaboratively on city deals for capitals—including in areas beyond CBDs. We will also seek the views of state and local governments in identifying locations for non-capital city deals.

The Smart Cities and Suburbs Program is another element of the *Smart Cities Plan* that may be of interest to you and your Council. The program is providing \$50 million to support projects that apply smart technology solutions to urban problems. Further information and guidelines for the program, which I released on 17 March, are available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website at cities.dpnc.gov.au. Melton City Council and other local governments are eligible to apply.

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You may also be interested in the Future Ready smart cities incubator program, which is designed to help local government leaders and their communities build smart city know-how through learning and collaboration. Future Ready's program of events will run between May and September 2017. Further information is available at cities.dpmc.gov.au.

I welcome your offer of ongoing feedback on policy development and urban infrastructure issues. It is critical that the issues facing outer growth areas are a part of the national conversation on our cities. If you have not already, you may also wish to consider engaging with the Minister for Urban Infrastructure, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely



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21 April 2017

Cr Sophie Ramsey
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Dear Cr Ramsey

I have been informed by the office of the Hon James Merlino MP, Minister for Education, that the letter we wrote on your behalf has been received by them. You will be receiving a response from the Minister shortly.

Please find enclosed a copy of the interim response.

I hope that you receive a positive response.

Yours sincerely

Judith Couacaud Graley MP
State Member for Narre Warren South
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Judith Graley MP
Member for Narre Warren South
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Dear Ms Graley *Judith*

Thank you for your correspondence to the Hon James Merlino MP, Minister for Education, regarding Cr Sophie Ramsey's concerns about the primary education facilities in her municipality.

A response will be provided as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Ilsa Colson
Chief of Staff
Office of the Deputy Premier

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DocSetID: 3940175/04616
: 4142342**Mary-Anne Thomas MP**
STATE MEMBER FOR MACEDON

24 April 2017

Cr Sophie Ramsey
Mayor, Melton City Council
PO Box 21
Melton VIC 3337

Dear Sophie

Thank you for your letter detailing your concerns about the future of the National Partnership Agreement for Universal Access to Early Childhood Education beyond 2017.

Early childhood education is central to the Andrews Labor Government's vision to make Victoria the Education State and I am committed to improving early childhood outcomes in my electorate and across Victoria. I share your view that access to 15 hours per week of quality kindergarten in the year before school plays a vital role in establishing a strong foundation for lifelong learning, wellbeing and success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the work undertaken and the investment made by the Melton City Council to support the delivery of 15 hours per week of high quality kindergarten to children throughout your municipality.

I understand that you are concerned about the future of Commonwealth funding for Universal Access to 15 hours of kindergarten beyond 2017 and the impact of funding uncertainty on service planning. The Victorian Government will continue to engage with the Commonwealth through the Education Council and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), to advocate for a sustainable, long term National Partnership. At the Education Council on 16 December 2016, Commonwealth, state and territory ministers, welcomed the recent decision by COAG to prioritise early childhood education. Following this meeting, the chair of Education Council wrote to COAG urging it to maintain Universal Access to at least 15 hours per week of a quality kindergarten program.

On the 30 January 2017, the Minister for Families and Children, the Hon Jenny Mikakos MP, launched a campaign urging the Turnbull Government to commit to 15 hours of kindergarten to provide security to families beyond 2017. I would encourage individuals and organisations in Melton who are concerned with the Commonwealth's failure to commit to its share of funding to go online and sign the petition at <http://thismatters.org.au/kindercuts>.

If you would like to discuss this further you may contact Mr Mathew Lundgren, Director, Early Learning Participation Branch, Early Years and Primary Reform Division, Department of Education and Training, on 8392 5099 or by email: lundgren.mathew.b@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Gayle Tierney MP

STATE UPPER-HOUSE MEMBER
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Cr Sophie Ramsey
Mayor, City of Melton
PO Box 21
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April 24, 2017

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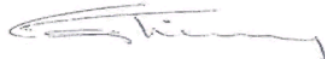
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Cr Sophie Ramsey
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2017 about commuter car parking at Caroline Springs station. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge your concerns about parking at Caroline Springs station. I passed your letter to Public Transport Victoria (PTV) to investigate with the operator, V/Line.

The Andrews Labor Government is aware that adequate parking plays a key role in the development of a sustainable and usable train network, and has committed \$20 million to upgrade commuter car parking facilities at train stations.

V/Line advised there are approximately 350 car parking spaces at Caroline Springs station. While PTV and V/Line will monitor the use of the car park when planning for development, they are not permitted to build extra car parking spaces as the native grassland around the station is protected.

Where practical, PTV encourages passengers to consider alternatives to driving to the station, such as cycling, walking or catching a bus. To support this, the Government has committed to investing \$100 million to upgrade local bus networks. This includes adding routes, increasing service frequencies, and ensuring better connections between public transport services.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. Your feedback is important to the Government as we continue to work hard to improve public transport in Victoria.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Member for Bendigo East
Minister for Public Transport





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State Member of Parliament for Western Metropolitan Region



Cr Sophie Ramsay
Mayor
City of Melton
PO Box 21
Melton VIC 3337

1 May 2017

Dear Ms Ramsay,

Re: Continuation of Universal Access – 15 hours of funded kindergarten

Please forgive the delay to my response to your letter dated 12th of April 2017.

Thank you for contacting me regarding this issue and for all the information you provided to me in your letter.

I fully support your call to secure ongoing funding for Universal Access to Early Childhood Education, which would ensure that all children can participate in 15 hours of kindergarten.

Yours sincerely,

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8 May 2017



Don Nardella MLA
Member for Melton

Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor
Melton City Council
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Dear Cr Ramsey,

Re: Intersection of High Street and Coburns Road Melton

Thank you for your letter dated the 20 April 2017 regarding the above matter.

I remember when the Bracks Labor Government provided the funds and constructed this roundabout. However I agree that it now needs to be removed and replaced with a controlled traffic light intersection.

I am happy to participate in any meeting scheduled regarding this matter to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely,

DON NARDELLA MLA
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Judith Graley MP

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8 May 2017



Cr Sophie Ramsey
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PO Box 21
MELTON VIC 3337

Dear Cr Ramsey

Please find enclosed a copy of the formal response from the Minister for Education, Hon James Merlino MP, regarding primary school provisions in the City of Melton.

I am advised that the Minister has responded directly to your concerns about the development of school infrastructure to meet the needs of growing local communities in the City of Melton.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to making Victoria the Education State, ensuring that families in areas with growing populations have access to high-quality schools.

I encourage you to contact Ms Lynda Rogers, Executive Director, Resources Strategy Division, at the Department of Education and Training on 03 9637 3860 or by email provision.planning@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Judith Couacaud Graley MP
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Judith Graley MP
Member for Narre Warren South
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Dear Ms Graley *Judith*

Thank you for your letter regarding primary school provision in the City of Melton.

On 3 April 2017, my office wrote to Cr Ramsey outlining the Andrews Labor Government's significant investment in the City of Melton. I attach a copy of this letter for your information.

The Andrews Labor Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State. Central to this is ensuring that families have access to high-quality schools, especially in areas like Melton with growing populations. As stated in the letter to Cr Ramsey, the last two State Budgets have seen significant investment in the City of Melton including:

- Funding allocated from a \$142 million investment to buy land for proposed schools in growing communities across the state including Taylors Hill West Secondary College, Burnside Primary School and Truganina East P-9 College
- \$5.4 million for the upgrade and modernisation of facilities at Melton Specialist School
- \$12 million for the construction of Taylors Hill West Secondary College
- Planning funding for Melton West Primary School and Melton Secondary College.

The Department will continue to work with the City of Melton and other relevant stakeholders, to plan for government schools in the area to ensure all Victorian students have access to high quality education as the population continues to grow.

Yours sincerely

21.4.17

The Hon James Merlino MR
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education
Minister for Emergency Services

Encl: Letter to Cr Ramsay from the Office of the Minister for Education.

Your details will be dealt with in accordance with the Public Records Act 1973 and the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. Should you have any queries or wish to gain access to your personal information held by this department please contact our Privacy Officer at the above address.





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Cr Sophie Ramsay
Mayor
City of Melton
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter regarding school provision in the City of Melton.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to making Victoria the Education State. Central to this is ensuring that we have the right school infrastructure in place to meet the needs of growing communities. The last two state budgets delivered the largest ever investment in Victorian school infrastructure, allocating \$1.8 billion to build, upgrade and maintain schools across the state. This funding means that 42 new school projects are now in the pipeline which will come online in the next few years.

The Government is conscious that enrolment growth pressures are being felt in a number of communities, including in Eynesbury and the broader Melton area. Therefore, the last two State Budgets have seen significant investment in the City of Melton including:

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- Planning funding for Melton West Primary School and Melton Secondary College.

Further funding for new school projects will be considered as part of the Government's 2017-18 budget deliberations. The Victorian State Budget will be released on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

I can advise that representatives from the Department of Education and Training attended a meeting at the City of Melton on 2 November 2016 to discuss school provision planning priorities.

I also understand that a dialogue has been established between Exford Primary School and the Victorian School Building Authority regarding facilities at the school.

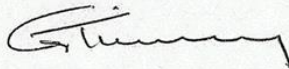
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The Department of Education and Training will continue to work with the City of Melton and other relevant stakeholders, to monitor and plan for government education provision in the area to ensure all Victorian students have access to high quality education as the population continues to grow.

If your officers would like further information about planning of new schools, they can contact Ms Lynda Rogers, Executive Director, Resources Strategy Division, Department of Education and Training, on 9637 3860 or by email: provision.planning@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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Mr Kelvin Tori
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Tori

I refer to your letter to the Premier of Victoria, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP, of 24 March 2017 regarding a new railway station for Toolern Metropolitan Activity Centre. Your letter has been referred to me as the Minister for Public Transport to respond as the matter raised falls within my portfolio of responsibilities.

The development of Toolern station has been identified as an important project to support the future transport needs of the City of Melton's rapidly growing population.

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) has received \$6.8 million from the Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) fund to complete future proofing of the proposed Toolern station. These works will be delivered by the Melbourne Metro Railway Authority, as part of the Ballarat Line Upgrade.

If you require further information, please contact David Teller, Director, Interchange and Place Development of the DEDJTR on telephone (03) 8392 6485.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Member for Bendigo East
Minister for Public Transport



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Cr Sophie Ramsey
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16 MAY 2017

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2017 about extension of bus services in the City of Melton.

I acknowledge your request to extend bus Route 459 services to cover a greater area of Melton. I passed your letter to Transport for Victoria (TFV) for advice.

TFV recognises the important role that buses play in meeting the travel needs of people living in Melbourne's suburbs and continuously reviews the entire bus network. When reviewing existing bus routes or planning new ones, TFV considers a number of factors, including the likely number of users, suitability of the road network for bus operations, and connectivity with other public transport services.

I requested TFV to investigate options to extend Route 459 in Melton West and to consult with Melton City Council should there be any plans to do so in the future.

Thank you again for raising your concerns with me, and I trust this information is of use.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Member for Bendigo East
Minister for Public Transport

