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Dear Cr Carli

Thank you for the City of Melton's 2020-21 Victorian State Budget Submission. The Victorian Government will consider a range of issues as part of the 2020-21 budget deliberations. The 2020-21 budget is scheduled to be tabled in Parliament on Tuesday 5 May 2020.

I note Melton City Council's advocacy efforts and in particular that Council has identified a tertiary and TAFE learning environment locally as a key priority.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to ensuring that all Victorians have access to high quality training and a TAFE system that delivers programs leading to jobs. The Department of Education and Training monitors enrolment data and industry's requirements for skills and works collaboratively with Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers to meet the long-term enrolment needs for the State of Victoria.

This is part of long-term planning for VET provision across the State particularly in the creation of employment and training opportunities for a rapidly growing population. I do recognise the impact on young people when they cannot readily access employment, education and training opportunities.

My department is focused on ensuring that future TAFE capital projects align with student and industry demand and is working with VET providers on asset masterplans for future VET provision, particularly where a gap exists between the number of VET places offered and forecasted growth in VET students, with Melton being an area of interest.

The Government has committed \$220 million in funding to upgrade TAFE facilities and campuses across the state, so that local communities have access to a great TAFE. The Department will assess opportunities in growth corridors and continue to increase access to training so that Victorians can acquire skills that will lead to jobs.

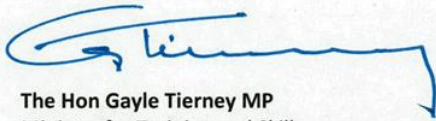
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Thank you again for providing a copy of the City of Melton's 2020-21 Victorian State Budget Submission.

Yours sincerely



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