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Dear Mayor

**MELTON PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C222 – PROPOSED SPOIL PROCESSING FACILITY AT THE MELBOURNE REGIONAL LANDFILL, RAVENHALL**

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2020, about the amendment that I recently approved for the storage, testing and disposal of spoil from the West Gate Tunnel Project at the Cleanaway Melbourne Regional Landfill, Ravenhall. I am unfortunately unable to meet with you at this time.

I do not intend to reconsider my decision to prepare, adopt and approve Melton Planning Scheme Amendment C222melt.

The West Gate Tunnel Project is a project of state significance, and my published reasons for intervention outline my reasons for not giving notice of the amendment. In summary:

- The views of relevant third parties who may be materially affected by the amendment are reasonably well-known and have been considered during the preparation of the amendment.
- Further notification and consultation would be unlikely to result in any substantive changes to the amendment.
- The interests of Victoria or any part of Victoria make such an exemption appropriate because the delivery of the West Gate Tunnel Project will contribute to state-significant improvements across the freeway network, improve freight efficiency and safety, and make significant amenity improvements within the road network and residential areas currently affected by truck traffic. The West Gate Tunnel Project will also generate substantial economic activity and jobs for Victorians.
- The prompt adoption and approval of the amendment will support the timely delivery of the facility, which will in turn, subject to contractual arrangements, reduce the ongoing delay to the delivery of the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- Exhibition of the amendment, review of submissions and a panel hearing would result in further delay for the delivery of the state-significant benefits of the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- In light of the current and predicted economic environment, the state-significant benefits of the West Gate Tunnel Project are needed urgently.

The incorporated document only allows the project land to be used for the storage, testing and disposal of spoil from the West Gate Tunnel Project, and not for spoil from other projects.

Access to the project land is to be from the Western Freeway, Christies Road and Middle Road, with Middle Road temporarily terminated in line with the council's requirements to ensure that trucks accessing the site follow routes that do not enter residential areas in your municipality.



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The comments of the community were not ignored. A number of the conditions included in the incorporated document were included as a direct response to my consultation with your council and the comments of the community and key stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please email Dr Jane Homewood, Executive Director, Statutory Planning Services, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, at [jane.homewood@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:jane.homewood@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely



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