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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 29 December 2020 on behalf of Melton City Council regarding bus stop locations within the City of Melton.

I understand Council's interest in the placement of bus stops and the provision of shelters.

Whenever a bus route is planned or altered, the aim is to position the bus stops outside schools and retirement villages as these locations rely heavily on bus services.

Kindergartens prefer not to have adjacent bus stops as they require space for parents to park, since driving is the predominant way young children are dropped off and collected. The Department of Transport works with Council representatives when positioning bus stops and you can direct your representatives to propose bus stops outside kindergatens as part of the consultation process.

DoT does not provide funding for additional shelters when a bus route is added or altered. DoT does provide each council with a small number of shelters each year according to a priority list supplied by the council.

As councils control the planning application process, a requirement can be made for all new developments to provide a shelter at any nearby bus stops. DOT has advised me that it will consider taking ownership of such shelters as long as it is consulted about the shelter, notified of it being built and the shelter is an agreed type.

I hope this information is of use. Thank you again for taking the time to raise this matter.

Yours sincerely

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