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25 May 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

MELBOURNE METRO PLANNING PROCESS

I am writing to update you about the planning process for the Melbourne Metro Rail Project.

Melbourne Metro is one of the largest transport infrastructure projects ever undertaken in Australia and includes a new cross-city rail tunnel and five new underground stations.

The new Metro Tunnel will allow more trains to run in and out of the City Loop by giving the Cranbourne, Pakenham and Sunbury lines their own tunnel through the CBD.

As you may be aware, Melbourne Metro is being assessed through an Environment Effects Statement (EES) process. The EES assesses the environmental, social and planning impacts associated with the construction and operation of Melbourne Metro.

The EES has been informed by community and stakeholder feedback, site investigations and assessments across a range of specialist areas including land use and planning, social and business, noise and vibration, traffic and transport, air quality, flora and fauna, and groundwater.

We have also prepared a draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA). Changes to the Planning Scheme are being recommended to protect the tunnels, stations and associated infrastructure and guide future development in their vicinity.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

As previously notified, a property that you own or lease is not required at surface level but is in the vicinity of the proposed location of the Melbourne Metro tunnels, underground stations or construction sites.

The EES documentation will show the property you own or lease within the proposed project area for Melbourne Metro. The draft PSA will show how the property you own or lease may be affected by changes to the Planning Scheme.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The EES documentation and draft PSA are on public exhibition from **Wednesday 25 May to Wednesday 6 July 2016**.

You can view the EES and draft PSA at www.melbournemetro.vic.gov.au or at one of the many locations where it will be on display. I encourage you to attend the upcoming drop-in information sessions or provide a submission on the EES and draft PSA. Details of the information sessions and EES display locations are provided in the enclosed flyer.

NEXT STEPS

A joint Inquiry and Advisory Committee (Inquiry) has been appointed by the Minister for Planning to consider the EES, draft PSA and public submissions and will prepare a report for the Minister for Planning.

The Minister will then consider the EES, draft PSA, submissions and the Inquiry report and make his assessment. MMRA and other statutory decision-makers will consider the Minister's assessment before making decisions about approvals for the project. This is expected to happen in late 2016 / early 2017.

We will provide you with further updates as Melbourne Metro's planning process progresses. If you have any questions, please phone us on **1800 551 927** (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

Yours sincerely



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