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25 May 2016

Dear <NAME>,

## MELBOURNE METRO PLANNING PROCESS

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

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 lease at <PROP 1><PROP 2><PROP 3><PROP 4><PROP 5><SUBURB> is likely to be required for the Melbourne Metro project.

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

Please note this letter is not a formal notice of property acquisition. The formal acquisition process will not begin until planning approvals have been achieved, anticipated to be in late 2016 / early 2017. Most properties required for the project will not need to be vacated until sometime in 2017.

## 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](http://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.

In the meantime, should you have any questions please contact your assigned MMRA case manager or Barry McGuren, Manager Landowner and Business Support Services on **1800 327 156 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)**.

Yours sincerely



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