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Dear,

Public meeting to demand better noise reduction on widened Monash Freeway

I am writing to invite you to a public meeting from 7pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday 16 July at the East Malvern RSL Club, Stanley Grose Drive, East Malvern (Melway 60 A12) to discuss noise issues associated with the widening of the Monash Freeway.

Like many people in the eastern suburbs, I am greatly concerned that despite the construction of two new Monash Freeway lanes and an inevitable increase in traffic and related noise, VicRoads will not fund upgraded noise walls, instead requiring noise walls to be reconstructed at existing levels.

I will be raising this very serious issue in Parliament because it is just not good enough that local residents will be forced to live with unacceptably high noise levels when there is a simple and affordable solution – to build better noise attenuating walls. It is crucial that action be taken to reduce noise from the freeway because construction is already underway.

At a hearing of the Public Land Development Select Committee in April, I demanded from VicRoads details of plans and correspondence on the Freeway widening between VicRoads and the Cities of Boroondara and Stonnington, but VicRoads has so far refused to provide any information – showing that yet again the Government wants to keep residents in the dark and gag public debate on an important issue affecting locals.

Local Labor MP Bob Stensholt has not been prepared to defend local residents impacted by freeway noise and will not be able to attend the meeting to hear your concerns at this critical time as he will be returning from a taxpayer-funded trip around Europe, but it is vital that local residents are able to express their views on this important matter and it is for that reason that I have urgently called this public meeting.

I ask that you come along to the meeting and share your opinions, as the Government needs to understand the depth of feeling on this issue amongst local residents. If you are unable to attend I would still value any opinion you may like to offer by calling 9888 6244 or emailing me at david.davis@parliament.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Davis'.

David Davis, MP
Member for Southern Metropolitan Region