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Skyrail – bogus consultation and lies

The heretofore secret VicRoads level crossing community survey New Comparison Report - 20 April 2015, obtained by the Opposition under Freedom of Information, blows Public Transport Minister Jacinta Allan's assertions that the community supports Skyrail clean out of the water.

Just 13% of those surveyed supported a rail over road solution to level crossings removals. The survey related to McKinnon Road McKinnon, Centre Road Bentleigh, Furlong Road St Albans, Heatherdale Road Mitcham, Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road in Bayswater, Heatherton Road Noble Park, Corrigan Road Noble Park and Chandler Road Noble Park.

The EY Sweeney public opinion research about Skyrail that Ms Allan told Victorians has 82% of the community supporting Skyrail was never believable, but this VicRoads survey hammers the final nail into the coffin of her long-dead credibility.

Quotes attributable to the Shadow Minister for Planning, David Davis MP:

Daniel Andrews' Labor undertook completely bogus consultation and blatantly lied about the results.

The EY Sweeney research on the Caulfield to Dandenong lines intentionally manipulated its results by presenting those surveyed with *only the options of Skyrail or not removing level crossings*. Many of those surveyed refused to complete what they recognised as intentionally biased research and no-one believed Jacinta Allen's ridiculous claim of 82% support for Skyrail. Those residents living within 400 metres of the railway line were deliberately excluded from the survey.

The Andrews Labor Government knew fully nine months before they announced their flawed and ill thought through Caulfield to Dandenong Skyrail proposal that the overwhelming majority of the community did not, and would not, support it. In a typically arrogant and dictatorial fashion, Daniel Andrews proceeded regardless.

No-one voted for Skyrail and now we know just 13% support it. Daniel Andrews, you have no mandate to permanently scar Melbourne's suburbs with ugly, intrusive and noisy 1950s style viaducts. Immediately pause your Caulfield to Dandenong Skyrail proposal and rule out Skyrail at Alphington and on the Frankston line.

Do the job properly with rail under road grade separations and, as the VicRoads properly conducted survey shows, you will have the support of a clear majority.

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