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Mr Tim Smith
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Dear Mr Smith,

I write to support concern expressed on the part of a large number of my constituents for the future of the Murrumbeena and Carnegie Stations, which are both Council Heritage listed.

These stations face permanent destruction in what I am advised will be the next two weeks to make way for works on the so-called CD9 project, being the construction of extended sections of elevated rail on the Caulfield to Dandenong line.

Both stations were presumably opened with the line on 8th October 1877 with the present buildings having been erected at the time of electrification in 1922.

Murrumbeena station carries significant heritage values associated with the Boyd family who were resident locally and noted the importance of these stations.

The Glen Eira City Council in its submission to the LXRA dated 16th March, 2016 (available on the council website <http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Council/News-and-media/Level-crossing-removalsin-Glen-Eira>) stated in point 3.8 that "Every effort should be made to preserve the heritage listed station buildings including potentially incorporating them into the new station precincts."

Given the Andrews Labor Government is proceeding with the project with undue haste, in the absence of proper community consultation, without a business case and with no Environmental Effects Statement, it is highly likely that insufficient consideration has been given to the importance of preserving the heritage values of Carnegie and Murrumbeena Stations.

It is critical that the Caulfield to Dandenong Rail Upgrade Project is delivered in accordance with the Heritage Act 1995 and hence I am now writing to you seeking whatever intervention you may be empowered to undertake to protect these significant public heritage properties.

It is concerning that little in the way of public statements or evidence exists that the Government is intending to protect the heritage values of these significant assets and that these assets may be lost in their totality.

It appears that Daniel Andrews and his planning Minister will not bother to save one door knob of this significant Victorian heritage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Davis', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

The Hon David Davis MP