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## OPEN LETTER TO MINISTER FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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Dear Ms Allan

As we near the anniversary of the surprise announcement of an elevated rail solution for the Dandenong Pakenham Line are you aware that affected residents have still not been provided with exact information on the dimensions and location of the construction in relation to their properties?

Many of these residents wish to stay if possible in their family homes and in their community but are unsure of the exact impact of the concrete viaduct on the amenity of their home and the little information they received just after the announcement is no longer valid as the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) has confirmed the design has changed including the design of the pylons and the viaduct.

The only information some have received is the distance to the nearest pylon from their boundary. The information which is most critical to these residents making their final decision to stay or apply for voluntary purchase is the dimensions of the actual rail viaduct – how high, how deep, how close to their properties, what it will really look like – they need this information so they can make a decision that will impact the rest of their lives.

Applications for the Voluntary Purchase Scheme need to be in place by June 30 – how can people make a decision without accurate information?

Residents were advised they would have the information in October, then November and finally by a senior LXRA manager that they would have the information no later than December 6 2016.

On behalf of the residents we implore you to show some compassion for these families and direct the LXRA to release the plans including all dimensions on size, location and final structural appearance including height of privacy and noise barriers without further delay.

Yours sincerely

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