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Dear Minister

Re: Production of documents – documents relating to traffic flows, projections and plans concerning Punt Road

I find it difficult to believe, as I am sure many affected Punt Road locals will find it difficult to believe, your assertion in your letter to the Clerk of the Legislative Council of 18 January 2016 that the period from 9 December 2015 to 20 January 2016 did “not allow sufficient time for the Government to respond” to this motion of the Legislative Council.

As I said in the Legislative Council on 9 December, and will repeat again here for your information: this is in one sense a straightforward documents motion that seeks, under standing order 11.01, the tabling in the Council by 20 January 2016 of a copy of all documents relating to traffic flows, projections, plans produced, developed and considered by VicRoads, state government departments and other state government authorities concerning Punt Road between St Kilda Road and Swan Street. It lays out a series of analyses that may or may not have been undertaken. I am aware that some of these have been undertaken, and I am also aware that it is unlikely that some have been undertaken to the scale and complexity and in the cautious way that you would expect a government agency to undertake a number of these points.

This documents motion seeks very simply the presentation of those documents to the chamber. It seeks to inform public debate. The government is undertaking a public consultation process at the moment, and that public consultation process requires that the community have submissions available for the consultation process by early February. These documents would inform the community of matters around the government's proposals on Punt Road. It is important that the chamber understand some of the context of these matters and why the provision of these documents, in my view, is in the public and community interest.

I note your letter to the Clerk also states that the Government will endeavour to respond as soon as possible. Can I on behalf of my affected constituents in the vicinity of Punt Road humbly suggest that the Government get its skates on?

Any prolonging of the release of these documents denies my constituents and the Parliament the information necessary to effectively and productively contribute to the Government's own review process. I remind you your Government's own review's public hearings begin on February 8 and in that context any further delay in the production of these documents is simply inexcusable.

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
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