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Dear Residents,

Please help me make Daniel Andrews listen – We want rail under road, not Skyrail

I have received massive feedback from members of the local community deeply concerned about Daniel Andrews' Skyrail proposal. This concern has been amplified in recent days, with the Planning Minister sneakily signing a new planning amendment known as GC 37 that authorises the government to move forward with its hideous plan that nobody voted for.

Further, there was no proper consultation by Daniel Andrews for Skyrail and GC37, with the majority of so called 'consultation' occurring **after** his announcement of the long distance rail viaducts, Skyrail.

The fact is GC37 has been signed by the Planning Minister;

- Without genuine community consultation,
- Without a full or finalised project description,
- Without a business case (Auditor-General report, June 2016),
- Without an Environmental Effects Statement, despite the massive visual amenity effects, without independent and credible noise studies and without analysis and proper assessment of the impact of diesel fumes released at height on local communities, despite known health effects.

Proper level-crossing removals – rail under road

Everyone supports level crossing removals – done properly with rail under road. Nobody voted for Skyrail and it is not the answer to the challenges presented in removing level crossings.

The Government appears deaf to the pleas of the local community ignoring more than 8,300 petitions tabled in Parliament. Only by continuing to work together can this monstrous proposal be stopped. The time has come for action that Daniel Andrews cannot ignore and in which everyone can play a part.

Walk Against Skyrail – Sunday 19th June at 10.00am

A Walk Against Skyrail is planned to demonstrate the extent of community opposition to Skyrail. Organised by Lower our Tracks Incorporated, I will be taking part on Sunday 19th June at 10.00am. It will proceed from Galbally Reserve (19 Arthur Street, Hughesdale) to Carnegie Station and conclude at 11.30am. The walk will follow the streets and pathways that run alongside the railway from Hughesdale to Carnegie Stations – right where Skyrail is planned to dominate and devastate the neighbourhood for decades to come.

Ballot Box - 2nd July

The other sure fire way to get Daniel Andrews' attention is to hurt Labor at the ballot box - both in the coming July 2nd federal election and in the local government elections later this year. Putting Labor last on the ballot paper will send the strongest message to Daniel Andrews that is available to private citizens in a democracy.

Revocation Motion – Upper House

Meanwhile, with the backing of my Liberal colleagues, I will move a motion in the Upper House which, if passed, would revoke Labor's gazetted Caulfield to Dandenong Skyrail planning amendment (GC37).

A copy of the amendment GC37 is available on my web site at daviddavis.com.au. It replaces a previous planning amendment made by the former Liberal Government that paved the way for rail under road level crossing removals on the Caulfield to Dandenong line. Labor requires GC37 to permit the construction of long distance elevated rail viaducts and, were it to be revoked, planning permission for rail under road would still be in force.

The Coalition Parties however do not enjoy a majority in the Upper House and for this motion to succeed it would also need the backing of the Victorian Greens and/or the minor parties.

I will do my best to build majority support for the motion in the Upper House, but I need your help, particularly with the Victorian Greens who are yet to commit to a position on Skyrail. Greg Barber is the Leader of the Victorian Greens and can be contacted on 9348 2622 and emailed at greg.barber@parliament.vic.gov.au. Please help me convince the Greens and other minor parties that the community expects them to vote to revoke Labor's Skyrail planning amendment GC37.

Thank you for your time and support. I will continue to update the community via my Facebook (/DavidDavisMLC) and Twitter (/DavidDavisMLC). If you feel strongly on these matters, make public comment expressing your view through social media or by talking to your neighbours and friends.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Davis', with a stylized flourish above the name.

The Hon David Davis MP
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