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The Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Minister for Public Transport
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Dear Minister

We are aware the Government is contracting with the Cross Yarra Partnership for the construction of the Melbourne Metro Project to indicate that while the Opposition supports the project, we do not rule out seeking to make improvements to the project on coming to government.

The Coalition is prepared to work with the tender consortium to adjust key details of the project, including the precise alignment of the tunnel, particularly in relation to the location of the station near the Domain, to improve the outcome and functionality of the project.

It is important that the tenderers be made aware that the Coalition in government will also consider improvements to the project like the connection of South Yarra Railway Station to the Metro.

It is also incumbent upon the Andrews Labor Government to enter into contracts that are consistent with the Planning Panel's recommendation that design options not preclude the connection of South Yarra Railway Station to the Metro. Contracts should be entered into that anticipate and pave the way for such an eventuality, rather than create perverse disincentives to future improvements to the project.

It is not in the interests of Victoria for the Premier and his Government to ignore the advice of the Planning Panel and to recklessly impose inflexibility into the project contracts. Indeed, such an outcome would likely be judged very harshly by the Victorian community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Davis'.

The Hon David Davis MP

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