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Dennis Cliché Chairperson Cross Yarra Partnership

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Dear Mr Cliché

You will be aware that the Cross Yarra Partnership project, "the Metro", has informed residents in and around "ANZAC" station, Albert Road, and surrounds, that in August it will be closing all vehicle access to this precinct for ten days.

Despite contacting building owners and the committees of management and holding a "consultation session", it appears that Cross Yarra Partnership has not fully understood the impact that this closure will have on residents. The infirm will be particularly impacted, those who need vehicular access for sick or disabled loved ones and others who have visiting family members, babysitting duties, and the like, will also need access to be arranged.

To date, it appears that CYP and the Victorian State Government have not listened to the steady and clear feedback from residents who have become increasingly anxious and increasingly angry. I would seek your review of this matter, and seek for Cross Yarra Partnership to find a more acceptable accommodation with the local residents in this precinct.

I have written to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Hon Jacinta Allan, although I am informed that she is currently travelling overseas and will not be available to respond to the entreaties of the residents shortly to be affected. In the letter to Ms Allan, I ask her to meet with a deputation of local residents.

I have commenced a detailed survey of residents to assess the views of as many as possible of the local residents. Those residents inform me that the government plans to remove large swathes of carparking in the precinct which will seriously impact the many residents who had purchased in the area because of previously available carparking.

We are all aware, including the residents, that there will be some significant impact from major construction, however, it should not be beyond the capacity of the state government and its large contractors to find sensible, practical accommodations, where the impact on residents is minimised.

I can be contacted by email at david.davis@parliament.vic.gov.au, or my staffer Brett Barton by email at brett.barton@parliament.vic.gov.au, or by phone at 9826 6655.

Yours sincerely,

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