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Dear Will,

Mordialloc Bypass EES IAC question for ecological experts
Our ref: Matter 29137

Thank you for forwarding to me the request from the Inquiry and Advisory Committee for my response to questions arising from Technical Note 01 from Major Road Projects Victoria.

I note that the IAC has asked for my answer to the following questions:

MRPV have provided a technical note showing how the bridge at the waterways wetland might be constructed. Are there any other ecological issues that arise that have not been covered in the EES or your evidence? Does this additional information change your conclusions regarding ecological impacts of freeway construction in this area?

I have read and considered the information contained in the technical note. It provides details about methodology and duration of road and bridge construction between and over wetland bird habitats that were the subject of my expert evidence to the IAC hearing. Whilst I did not have the specifics that are contained in the technical note at the time of preparing my evidence, the methods and duration it describes are much as I expected from past experience. The information contained in the technical note does not raise additional issues related to wetland birds that were the subject of my evidence, nor does it alter any of my conclusions regarding ecological impacts of the Mordialloc Bypass construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this further assistance to the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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