
Request to be heard?: no

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Organisation: Sustainable Greensborough

Affected property:

Attachment 1: Submission_for_N

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: As a resident that will be within 1km of the Grimshaw St interchange, I am very concerned about the noise, pollution, amenity, increased traffic and environmental impacts, of having a major road and interchange so close. Your noise studies forecast that there will be a noticeable and significant increase in the noise that we will experience for 18 months of construction, and then forever after from the increased traffic flows. The times that you expect there to be works are unacceptable with small children. They don't go to bed at 10pm. The impact on our health from sleep deprivation due to increased wakefulness is something we are not looking forward to at all. Will there be instructions that from 6pm-10pm, noise is to be kept to an absolute minimum? I'm also concerned that not enough has been done to mitigate the extra pollution and particulate matter from the extra vehicles on the road, which will float over on the wind. As we are trying to grow our own food as much as possible, it is important to us that we and our plants are not exposed to more pollution than is necessary. For a future that will require more food to be grown locally to reduce food miles and increase community resilience, this should be taken seriously. Both of these concerns could be alleviated somewhat by the BabEng proposed tunnel extension, as the noise would be minimised, and the flow of fumes from the tunnel could be treated before being released to the atmosphere. An equally important consideration is how many trees will be saved by this design. I've been horrified to hear about how the Red River Gum in Bulleen is going to be cut down with very little effort to design a way to save it, not to mention the genetically individual trees in the Simpson Army Barracks being given very little recognition. Our trees are our heritage, and replacing them with new trees does not replace their carbon storage and oxygen creating capacities for hundreds of years! More should be done to save them in the design, no matter the cost! Putting aside the fact that building this road will just bring more cars, and result in more traffic and no reduction in commuting time (as proven by numerous studies), this road will divide the communities of Watsonia, Macleod and Greensborough. An extended tunnel will help make the best of this situation, more than a few land bridges ever could. There's also the fact that the BabEng report says that less fuel will be need to be used by cars because the gradient will be smoothed out. I urge you to consider the extended tunnel to avoid enormous challenges for the communities that I am a part of, and for the future of our children. More money now will pay off later in benefits to health, community and the environment.