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NORTH EAST LINK - EES SUBMISSION – MAY 2019

Dear Planning Panels Victoria Members,
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GENERAL

The following points will outline my concerns regarding the immense impact to our way of life due to the interchange and the location of the works compound which could cause disruption to our community for 7+ years.

1. Traffic
2. Noise – Construction Works
3. Air Quality
4. Loss of Trees & Vegetation
5. Disruption to Local Roads
6. Loss of Amenities & Traders

INFORMATION

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BRIEF BACKGROUND

My parents were modern day pioneers in Bulleen building a home in Manningham Road when there was still surrounding farmland, cows in the paddocks, dirt roads and one bus a day to Heidelberg.

The home I now live in was built by my father who spent 3 years working nights and weekends to build it when they were forced to relocate during the widening of Manningham Road. This caused much heartache and health issues for my mother who suffered a breakdown and found it extremely hard to be forced out of her home and move away from close friends.

In recent years I have commenced renovating the home that my parents had put so much effort into creating whilst caring for my mother and have also operated a business in Bulleen for 20+ years.

It is without question that we have a respectable and helpful community around us and a wonderful neighbourhood that we wish to protect!

A major reason why I chose to live here is the friendly community, close to my business and within walking distance to nearby parks, walking trails for community and dogs, and especially the Yarra River, parkland, sporting areas, mature tree canopies and bushland.

The photo above indicates the amount of trees and vegetation that we currently look out at every day and which we absolutely appreciate and love every day!

And sadly the flora, fauna and lovely rural appeal of this area is going to be destroyed and lost by the re-design of the Manningham Road Interchange entrance and exit.

Yes, we need progress and a solution to the traffic problems but our area of the NEL Project will take quite a beating in the proposal to find an answer for the better flow of trucks and vehicular traffic in the North East.

With this in mind it is hoped that the huge impact in our section can be modified in some way by acknowledging our concerns and the loss of a peaceful lifestyle.
1. TRAFFIC – AVON STREET

In addition to the Group Submission I wish to support the request for Option 1 – as per NEL Advice Sheet – February 2019 of closing Avon Street and turning the street into a Cul-de-sac.

Page 73 of Chapter 9 of the EES relates to the impact on Avon Street, Bulleen traffic and my reason for selecting this option is:

- To reduce non-residential traffic using Avon Street as access to the tunnel entrance and preventing a rat run occurring
- To reduce the impact of noise and pollution
- Minimize the blinding light from car lights exiting the tunnel to nearby homes and pedestrians in the area

REQUEST:

My request is to also include trees and vegetation at the end of the Cul-de-Sac preferably in a raised planter box to assist in reducing dust from construction work and also the impact of traffic and lights.

Due to the narrow nature strips on the eastern side of Bulleen Road it would be preferable to widen to allow for a wall of trees to also block the view of construction, reduce noise and also dust.

Refer EPR Code LV1 – 4.

2. NOISE – CONSTRUCTION AND POST CONSTRUCTION

Due to our close proximity to the proposed Works Compound which will be located in the old Drive In site opposite Avon Street for a construction timeframe of 7 years including night time operation it would be beneficial that:

- Homes close to this demolition site with constant construction and traffic noise be assisted in installing double insulated windows to reduce noise levels to acceptable standards.

Refer EPR Code NV3.
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NOISE FROM EARLY WORKS WILL BE-

Demolition and Construction noise

- Open cut excavator noise
- Increased traffic from contractor's vehicles and equipment
- Increased dust and pollution
- Constant noise from boring and drilling equipment

3. AIR QUALITY

It is expected that a reduction in air quality will result from concentrated traffic at the entrance/exit of the Manningham Road Interchange.

The installation of an Emergency Exhaust Stack will create additional health and environmental risks to the local community.

I would support that as per the EES that Air Quality Monitoring is carried out pre, post and during construction works and the community are advised.

4. LOSS OF TREES & VEGETATION

My concern about the loss of green space and vegetation including the impact to our walking and sporting activities is one of the most major issues we face as a community.

The negative result of the loss of a large slice of the Koonung Creek Reserve and Bulleen Sporting facilities needs to be noted.

As well as the potential loss of the Bulleen Red River Gum, Chapter 19, Page 14 of the EES would be so significant that I urge the designers to explore possible positive outcomes for this historic 300 year old tree.

REQUEST

My request is that once the major earthworks have been completed, that

- The former Bulleen Drive In site opposite Avon Street will return to native vegetation and bushland along the Yarra River
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5. DISRUPTION OF LOCAL ROADS

General disruption to local roads during construction will have a severe impact on our daily routine for work, school runs, local shopping and would definitely not want Bulleen Road closed to local residents during the construction period.

6. LOSS OF AMENITIES & TRADERS

Loss of Bulleen sporting facilities and the Bulleen Industrial Estate is of a huge concern as locals frequent all these facilities and have been loyal customers of the local traders for decades. Especially Bulleen Art & Garden Nursery which has been such an icon in Bulleen for so many years as well as many of the car mechanics and local panel beaters that are respected as old family friends!

It is a hope that the community liaison that has occurred with NELA extend during the construction period.

Sincerely,

Roxene Carroll