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**Request to be heard?:** No, but please email me th

**Full Name:** Jennifer Watty

**Organisation:** Blain-Air Heating and Airconditioning

**Affected property:** 20 England St, Bulleen

**Attachment 1:**

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** My name is Jenny and I have lived in Mangan Street for the past 23 years and I have worked in Greenaway Street for the past 12 years. My world has been turned upside down with the North East Link Option A to be built. Every day I walk to work and cross the road at the intersection of Bulleen and Manningham Roads and see the amount of traffic on roads that were not built for the amount of traffic that just passing through Bulleen. I think it is very shortsighted of the government to think that easing all this traffic onto the freeway at Bulleen road even with 20 lanes is still going to get Bottlenecked when the lanes fade away to the present 8 lanes. This is when travelling both n and outbound. This all needs a serious rethink! My employer Blain-Air is a small company servicing and installing heating and Airconditioning into existing and new homes mainly in Manningham and the surrounding superbs. It is a family run business which started in the 1970s. Of the 12 employees who work there 6 have been there for 10 plus years, 2 for over 5 years and 4 apprentices. This is typical of all the businesses in the zone. We all rely on each other, know each other and help each other. The hub is a community and a very busy one at that. Bulleen is a wonderful superb - offering terrific schools, kindergartens, shopping centres, Yarra Valley Country Club, sports grounds parks, wildlife and the most terrific people. My question for the state government is where and when are you going to free up a pocket of land in Manningham where the business zone can relocate to? Throwing money at businessess is not enough. We need the state and local government to work together and help now if these businesses are to survive. At present we are not getting anything. I invite Jacinta Allen and Mr Andrews to come out to our little industrial zone and meet the people and see hard working folk who are giving so much to our state and getting nothing in return. I also invite them to take a walk around Bulleen park and listen to the kookaburras calling and see the wombats who live there, the kangaroos that I have seen there and the ducks in spring - who can run very fast when protecting their ducklings. Look at the trees too as you go down to the park with the very beautiful old river gums. Bulleen's history is all there if you care to look. Lastly, communication is a vital part of all society to move forward as a whole. Please be honest with your plans as you really are playing with people's lives and livelihoods. Thankyou for giving me the opportunity to complete a submission. Jenny Watty