

Submission Cover Sheet

North East Link Project EES IAC

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

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Organisation: DM Brazzale Superannuation Fund

Affected property: 205 Bulleen Road Bulleen, 3A & 3B Kim Close Bulleen, 27 Greenaway Street Bulleen

Attachment 1: North_East_Link_

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: Please see uploaded submission letter

4 June 2019

Department Of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
North East Link Project

BY EMAIL: engage.vic.gov.au/north-east-link-project

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter on behalf of my parents Domenico and Mary Brazzale, myself Paul Brazzale, my sister Anna Brazzale. We all have an interest in properties (either personally or held via other entities) in Bulleen which will be affected by the construction of the North East Link Project.

Our properties which will be affected are the following:

- 205 Bulleen Road Bulleen
- 3A Kim Close Bulleen
- 3B Kim Close Bulleen
- 27 Greenaway Street Bulleen

We understand that the Bulleen Industrial Zone group have already submitted their comments in relation to the wider impact the North East Link Project will have on the community and the businesses affected. We fully support that submission. However, we would also like to make note of the personal affect the Project will have on us.

My parents are aged 86 and 81 years old respectively. They built the abovementioned factories during the 1970's and early 1980's. Whilst we understand that the North East Link Project is important infrastructure for Melbourne, the way the Project is currently structured will severely impact us. The following factors below sets out these reasons:

- The Project will have a negative financial impact on us (particularly my parents). The properties were built by my parents many years ago and are now worth significantly more. Despite getting adequate compensation from the Government for the compulsory acquisition, modern socio-economic factors would not allow us to purchase similar properties that would provide us with the same financial benefit as if we had held on to our current properties.
- The properties held by my parents are held in their superannuation fund for the purpose of assisting with their retirement. These properties make up the total of their superannuation fund. For them to have to acquire new properties in the fund, at their age, is extremely complicated and stressful. Also, it has become more difficult to purchase properties in a superannuation fund so the ability to purchase replacement properties would be significantly more complicated.
- Being 86 and 81 years of age is too old to be required to deal with lengthy negotiations with Government bodies, lawyers, accountants, real estate agents etc. in relation to compensation. The stress of then having to find a suitable replacement property (so as not to trigger capital gains and other tax implications) is an overbearing burden for people of their age.

- It is understood that the Project can be constructed using a different viable alternative which would not impact as severely the residents and businesses of Bulleen. This alternative route should be strongly considered as the current alternative throws into turmoil the livelihood of hundreds of small businesses which we also find very distressing.
- The properties are extremely sentimental to us all considering that my father built them. He considers these properties his legacy to his family and he is so upset and disappointed that they will be destroyed for the sake of the Project. The properties were built with the intention of being passed down to future generations together with the history of how a migrant was able to build a better life for himself and his family being retold and remembered by all future generations. This aspect has caused my parents the most grief and stress. They have often stated that no amount of money can replace this.

As you can see from the abovementioned factors, acquiring these properties for the purposes of the Project will have a severely negative personal, emotional and financial impact on us and particularly my parents. We therefore ask that you carefully consider our comments and actively consider other viable options for the Project before proceeding.

If you wish to discuss this any further, you are more than welcome to contact me on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED] or my sister Anna on [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,

Paul Brazzale