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Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria
1 Treasury Place
Melbourne 3002

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Dear Premier,

SURREY HILLS-MONT ALBERT LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

We refer to the above project and, out of courtesy, enclose a copy of our letter to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, Hon Jacinta Allan MP, dated 16 July 2021.

The Association has made a number of submissions to the LXR over the past six months all with positive suggestions for this project. However the Minister's letter to us dated 12 July 2021 has forced us to review our position on the project.

We now respectfully request that the Government revert to its original plan and honour its commitment to retain two stations that will:

- Maintain acceptable residential amenity in surrounding streets;
- Locate the new stations on existing footprints in their commercial precincts;
- Retain the Mont Albert Station which is critical for the livelihood of Mont Albert traders and use of local residents;
- Allow the Surrey Hills Shopping Village to retain the focus of the public transport interchange, park and ride facility and nexus with the station; and
- Retain Lorne Parade Reserve intact; the only sizeable local park and public open space since 1908.

We note the Government promised in October 2018 that **"The removal works will also deliver two new stations at Mont Albert and Surrey Hills"**. This commitment was reaffirmed in mid 2019 and still promoted on government websites as recently as May this year.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Buchanan
President

cc: Hon Jacinta Allan MP Minister for Transport Infrastructure
Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Hon David Davis MP
Paul Hamer MP
Will Fowles MP
Matthew Bach MP
Steve Brown LXR
Cr Andrew Munroe, Mayor City of Whitehorse
Cr Amanda McNeill
Cr Garry Thompson, Mayor City of Boroondara
Cr Jane Addis

The Surrey Hills Progress Association acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land in this area, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.