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Mr Mike Wellard
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Dear Mike

Re: Victorian Greens *'Public Transport Plan for Melbourne's East'*

I am delighted to let you know about the release of the Victorian Greens vision to give Melbourne's east a better deal on public transport services.

Our *'Public Transport Plan for Melbourne's East'* outlines a range of projects for Melbourne's middle to outer eastern suburbs.

In particular, I would like to confirm the Greens commitment to building the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail. I was at your launch in early August and commend the Whitehorse Cyclists on producing such a credible proposal. See the section in the plan under *'Triplification from Box Hill to Ringwood'*.

The current government's *'Victorian Transport Plan'* was released in 2008, and includes a project to build a North-East Freeway between Greensborough and Bulleen. The estimated cost of the project is stated as "More than \$6 billion", whilst providing only 5 kilometres of freeway.

The implementation of the Victorian Greens *'Public Transport Plan for Melbourne's East'* would be funded by scrapping the North-East Freeway proposal, and instead re-allocating its \$6 billion of public money into the projects outlined in this plan (and elsewhere). I believe that this is the most economically, socially and environmentally responsible action to take for all Victorians.

The plan is located on-line at: www.vic.greens.org.au/easternPTplan

If you would like further information, please feel free to get in touch with me on phone 0402 687 472, or via email at: damian.magner@vic.greens.org.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Damian Magner', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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