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Dear Mr Buck

### **MELBOURNE METRO TUNNEL - DOMAIN PRECINCT**

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Melbourne Metro Rail Project. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

As you are aware, the Minister has now made his Assessment of the project under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*. You can access the Minister's Assessment at <http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessment/major-transport-projects/melbourne-metro-rail-project>.

The Minister's assessment addresses the suggested relocation of the Domain station box (pp. 18-19), accepting that the environmental impacts of the concept design location can be adequately mitigated and managed, but recommending further investigation of the alternative location. The Melbourne Metro Rail Authority has since published the results of its investigation, which has concluded that the concept design location remains the adopted preferred option – see <http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/locations/domain/location-assessment>.

The Minister's assessment also recommended the establishment of additional precinct reference groups, including for the Domain precinct, to provide forums for consideration of detailed matters arising within the precincts.

Please note that Residential Impact Mitigation Guidelines are a required element of the Environmental Management Framework for the project. Project works other than preparatory works may not commence until the Minister has approved the Residential Impact Mitigation Guidelines. Set within the Environmental Management Framework are environmental performance requirements for the project. Amongst other things, the environmental performance requirements set target noise levels to drive the selection and implementation of noise mitigation measures at noise sources. The environmental management framework can be viewed at <http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/planning/planning-approvals>; the Residential Impact Mitigation Guidelines will be published at the same location once the document has been approved.

I appreciate your interest in the project and its environmental outcomes. If you have any further queries about this matter please contact Dr Bruce Abernethy, Director Impact Assessment on (03) 8392 5471.

Yours sincerely



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