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Dear Cr James,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the views of the Morrison Government on important issues facing your members. A response to your questions is attached.

This election will have real consequences for Australia's economy and our future. This year, for the first time in more than a decade, the Government will deliver a Budget surplus.

Our plan for a stronger economy will:

1. Create 1.25 million more jobs over the next five years.
2. Maintain budget surpluses and pay down debt.
3. Deliver tax relief to encourage and reward hard working Australians.
4. Guarantee increased investments for schools, hospitals and roads.
5. Keep Australians safe and our borders secure.

The alternative at this election is Mr Shorten. Labor's risky agenda includes billions of dollars of higher taxes – on retirees, housing, incomes, investments, family businesses, electricity and more.

Thank you for communicating our response to your members.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Hirst  
**Federal Director**

## MORRISON GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION

*As a key advocate for more than one million people who live in Melbourne's east, The Eastern Transport Coalition (ETC) is asking you to support real, sustainable solutions for the region.*

*While service delivery is the realm of the State Government, infrastructure building is certainly a Federal responsibility. You can assist by committing to the following projects in the east:*

- *Remove all remaining level crossings on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines*
- *Duplicate tracks on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines to allow a substantial increase in services*
- *Fund major upgrades and safety improvements to old, crowded stations, such as Huntingdale, Croydon and Box Hill*
- *Commit funding to finally build the Westall Road extension and creating a dedicated bus lane on Springvale Road*
- *Extending the Route 75 tram to Upper Ferntree Gully Station, providing access to heavy rail for tens of thousands that don't currently have it*
- *Commit to amenity upgrades to bring all train stations in Melbourne's east up to standard*
- *Fund construction of regional trails, including the Yarra Valley Trail, the Warburton Trail to Taralla Creek Trail, and extend the Box Hill to Ringwood Trail*

The Coalition has made over \$27 billion in commitments to Victorian transport infrastructure since 2013. Investments like these can only be made because our plan for a stronger economy is working.

We have made significant investments in the areas covered by the Eastern Transport Coalition, including:

- North East Link - \$1.8 billion
- Monash Freeway upgrade - \$500 million
- Monash Rail - \$475 million
- Sealing the Dandenong Ranges and Surrounds - \$300 million
- Commuter car parking upgrades along the Belgrave/Lilydale lines - \$175 million, including at:
  - Glenferrie
  - Camberwell
  - Canterbury
  - Surrey Hills
  - Mitcham
  - Heatherdale
  - Ringwood
  - Heathmont
  - Boronia
  - Ferntree Gully
  - Croydon

- Dorset Road upgrade and extension - \$130 million
- Canterbury Road upgrade - \$24.5 million
- Henderson Road Bridge and Henderson Road upgrades - \$15 million
- Fitzsimmons Lane/ Main Road corridor upgrade - \$10 million

The Morrison Government is also investing \$260 million to fund the removal of the Glenferrie Road level crossing at Kooyong by putting the rail under the road and allowing thousands of commuters from across the south east of Melbourne faster passage through the area. Putting the rail under the road will reduce the impact on local businesses, sporting clubs and residents.

This is all part of our record \$100 billion infrastructure investment program to help bust congestion and is only possible as a result of a strong economy.

The Morrison Government will continue to work closely with the state and local governments to progress the delivery of vitally needed infrastructure across Melbourne.