



COMMITTEE FOR
MORNINGTON PENINSULA

The Hon. Catherine King MP
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
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Via: Minister.King@mo.infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Minister King,

RE: Infrastructure Investment Program 90-day Independent Review – Flinders

We are writing to you in relation to two significant initiatives proposed by the former Coalition Government in the Federal electorate of Flinders, and I do so on behalf of the Committee for Mornington Peninsula and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

The Committee for Mornington Peninsula is the peak advocacy body on the Mornington Peninsula. It is an independent, member-based organisation committed to leading and influencing long-term outcomes and contributing to our strategic objectives for the Mornington Peninsula.

The Committee represents its members – including businesses, community organisations, and not-for-profits - and works beyond electoral cycles and partisan politics to enhance social, economic, and environmental sustainability to improve our regions' liveability, growth, and sustainability.

Two locally significant infrastructure projects now under this review include:

- \$225 million toward the electrification of the Frankston line to Baxter
- \$75 million toward grade separation at the intersection of Jetty Road and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway

The rail electrification to Baxter commitment attracted bipartisan support from both the Federal Opposition and Shadow Minister, Anthony Albanese; and the Turnbull and Morrison Federal Governments.

The Committee for Mornington Peninsula urges you to consider retaining these significant projects for our region.



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Both these projects will improve accessibility and public transport on the Mornington Peninsula, providing significant benefits to residents and visitors to our region. The Jetty Road intersection upgrade will improve safety and reduce bottlenecks – especially during peak times; while rail electrification south of Frankston will improve access to public transport options within the Shire.

If funding is removed from these projects, the Committee calls on the Federal Government to invest funds originally allocated for these projects into other local initiatives that tackle congestion, improve road safety, or enhance public transport options for the Mornington Peninsula.

As you would be aware, the Mornington Peninsula is part of metropolitan Melbourne, and as such, we require a public transport network that reflects this designation. 82% of the Mornington Peninsula is not serviced by public transport, and in areas it is, options are often infrequent and impractical. Two of the three major activity centres on the Mornington Peninsula are not serviced by rail, and the bus network has only recently had minor improvements. This poor public transport system has significant flow-on impacts throughout the local economy and community.

The Committee for Mornington Peninsula seeks to work collaboratively with local government and Members of Parliament on these initiatives, and we would be pleased to present some alternative projects which must attract significant Commonwealth funding, including: improving the capabilities of the Stony Point line to run more frequent diesel services, improving congestion issues in key townships, improving major roads and intersections, providing better active transport options, and the staged electrification of the Frankston line towards Langwarrin.

The Committee for Mornington Peninsula would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and the Member for Dunkley next time you are visiting our region to discuss how we can work together to deliver infrastructure that is vital for Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula.

If you have any questions about this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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