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Dear Ms Horner

NORTHERN GROWTH CORRIDOR

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2013, regarding the timing of future road improvement projects for the Northern Growth Corridor.

I advised Ms Danielle Green MP, Member for Yan Yean, in my letter to her dated 4 February 2013, that strategic transport modelling indicated that as the Northern Growth Corridor becomes fully developed, the O'Herns Road interchange, the O'Herns Road duplication and the Edgars Road extension would all be required.

The 2046 date was advised by Growth Areas Authority as to the year in which Melbourne's population would reach 6 million, the Northern Growth Corridor would be fully developed and as a result the O'Herns Road interchange, the O'Herns Road duplication and the Edgars Road extension would all be required.

This is not to suggest these projects are not needed at an earlier date, however, as no interim modelling was undertaken (i.e. 2020, 2030 etc) VicRoads has not determined a time-frame in which these projects must be delivered to support this growth.

The Victorian Government is developing a new Metropolitan Planning Strategy to identify and accommodate population growth and demographic change, transport and infrastructure needs, employment locations, social and community needs and the tools required to manage growth. The Government has also launched a discussion paper to prompt debate around the challenges and ideas for Melbourne's future. Feedback is invited via the website at www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au.

The timing and delivery of these and other important projects for Melbourne will be considered in this context.

Should you require further information, Ms Patricia Liew, VicRoads' Regional Director, Metropolitan North West (Tel: 9313 1111), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Hon Terry Mulder MP
Minister for Roads

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