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Dear Ms Meyers

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN NORTH EPPING

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2013, regarding the recent fire and timing of future road improvement projects in North Epping.

I acknowledge there were difficulties experienced by residents during the recent fire in North Epping.

The 2046 date was advised by the Growth Areas Authority as to the year in which Melbourne's population would reach six 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. It is important to note that the road network needs will primarily be guided by population and economic growth factors, rather than fixed dates. VicRoads has not determined a timeframe 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 timing and delivery of these and other important projects for Melbourne will be considered in this context.

The extension of Edgars Road between Cooper Street and O'Herns Road lies within the Cooper Street Employment Area, and will initially be constructed as a single carriageway local road.

A Development Contribution Plan has been established for the Cooper Street Employment Area, which requires the provision of land and construction of the first carriageway of Edgars Road between Cooper Street and O'Herns Road, to be undertaken as part of ongoing development in this precinct. The Whittlesea City Council is responsible for the implementation of these developer-funded works.

We will continue to work with Council to manage both growth and road infrastructure demand in this growing part of Melbourne.

Additionally, in understanding the need to accommodate continued development in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, the Victorian Government's 2012 Priority Infrastructure submission to Infrastructure Australia included several projects to respond to growth pressures including upgrades to the Hume Freeway, Western Freeway and the Calder Freeway, as well as a Growth Area Priority Transport Package.

Should you require further information, Mr Paul Noisette of VicRoads' Metropolitan North West Region (Tel: 9313 1234), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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