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VPA – CRAIGIEBURN WEST PSP – GRA SUBMISSION

The Greenvale Residents' Association (GRA) is highly concerned that one of the fast-tracked projects being progressed by Victorian Planning Authority is the Craigieburn West PSP. The GRA is opposed to the commencement of the development of the Craigieburn West PSP given there is no certainty for funding or delivery of upgrades to Mickleham Road. The GRA has submitted to the State Government to support the existing community first and bring forward the much-needed duplication of the Mickleham road to be constructed prior to the development of the land in Craigieburn West.

On 16 March 2019, the GRA wrote to Premier Andrews and Minister's Pallas and Wynne regarding the announcement of the Craigieburn West PSP and called on the State Government Ministers not to implement the PSP until a definitive commitment to fund the full duplication of Mickleham road was made.

The GRA has been concerned for a number of years at the rapid increase in residential development in our area without the appropriate infrastructure to support this growth. These arterial roads, particularly Mickleham Road, service the fastest growth area in Australia being Melbourne's Northern region, connecting Greenvale and Craigieburn to major arterial roads and freeways. The recent \$9M announcement by the Victorian State Government to build the Aitken College intersection unfortunately will not make any difference to the congestion and traffic flow on the road should the Craigieburn West PSP proceed, in fact the PSP development will make it significantly worse. The traffic already banks up well before the college entrance in the morning and in the evening, well before the Craigieburn Rd roundabout. The existing single lane infrastructure is at capacity now and the development of the PSP will only increase traffic volumes to phenomenal levels far beyond what the road was originally designed to facilitate (Motorists have experienced significant traffic congestion, lost time and productivity. Road accidents frequently occur due to increased traffic volumes and poor road infrastructure and ongoing maintenance issues. With many new families moving into the area congestion and the inadequacies of the road to handle peak traffic is evident on a daily basis and is unsafe. The roads do not even have footpaths or bike paths for families or school children to use and there is limited public transport so residents must rely on their cars to get to local amenities, schools and work. It is impacting liveability.

The Greenvale and surrounding communities that utilise these major thoroughfares, are becoming increasingly frustrated, and disillusioned with the current lack of action being taken to duplicate the above-mentioned roads. Action is required as soon as possible to prevent further casualties caused by the lack of upgrades to these country roads. This is not only an issue of lack of infrastructure, but a pertinent safety issue as well.

The wider community would like the VPA and minister to assess this situation as a matter of urgency with the relevant Department of Transport personnel and ultimately make decisions on a suitable resolution.

On the basis of this submission the GRA wishes to strongly object to the Amendment and request that these matters of funding the duplication of Mickleham road and fast tracking its development are prioritised by the VPA with the Victorian State Minister for Roads and Roads Safety – Ben Carroll MP prior to the PSP progressing.

Thankyou

Tamara Nolan

Greenvale Roads Subcommittee Chair

Greenvale Residents' Association

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