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Mr Sam Hibbins MP
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Dear Mr Hibbins

Thank you for your letter of 12 April 2017 regarding the need for an upgrade to South Yarra station, and the views of some of your constituents.

The Melbourne Metro Tunnel project will provide enormous benefits for residents of South Yarra, especially for those who currently use the station.

Commuters who use South Yarra station will have turn-up-and-go services to and from the city during peak times, and those services will be less congested. There will be more trains operating via South Yarra on the Frankston and Sandringham lines, providing improved reliability and punctuality. In addition, there will be seamless connections to new stations, such as Parkville and Domain.

The State Government has carefully assessed proposals to build a second station at South Yarra connected to the Melbourne Metro Tunnel; however, this would cost nearly \$1 billion, and require the destruction of more than 100 homes and half of the Jam Factory—for minimal benefit.

Two independent reports, the Melbourne Metro Business Case and the Environment Effects Statement, concluded that this option did not stack up. Infrastructure Victoria and Infrastructure Australia assessed these reports, and also recommended against a second station at South Yarra.

The Government recognises that South Yarra station is starting to feel the pressure of ongoing local development and a growing population, especially during peak periods. That is why the State Budget 2017-2018 includes \$2 million towards planning for improvements at South Yarra station. The Government will work with the local council,

businesses and residents on options for a better station, that offers improved accessibility and capacity.

Work on the Melbourne Metro Tunnel project has begun, and given the project's scale and complexity, there will be unavoidable local disruption and inconvenience during construction. Please visit the project website <www.metrotunnel.vic.gov.au> for more information and updates.

I trust this information is of use to your constituents, and appreciate their patience while we work to improve public transport across Victoria.

Yours sincerely



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