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Dear Ms Watt

PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE PARK STREET IN MELBOURNE METRO PROJECT LAND AND PROJECT AREA

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2017 regarding a proposed change to the Project Land for the Melbourne Metro Project that would require a Planning Scheme Amendment.

Council acknowledges the significance and unprecedented benefits the Metro Tunnel will have on Melbourne including the delivery of strategic transport connections and urban design improvements that will be achieved as part of the Domain Station precinct.

Council understands that the Amendment requested will involve the Minister using his powers to increase the Project Land for the Melbourne Tunnel to allow for:

1. A new tram stop on Park Street, South Melbourne between Wells Street and Kings Way.
2. Utility diversion works in the road reserve along the balance of Bowen Lane, South Melbourne.

The upgrade of the tram stop in Park Street, combined with the future tram link in Park Street west will provide significant benefits to residents and businesses by providing a critical east-west transport connection from Domain Station to Clarendon Street, the CBD, Docklands and across to Fisherman's Bend.

Recently, in June 2016, the Minister for Planning approved Amendment C107 (St Kilda Road North) which identified the importance of Park Street in the broader Domain precinct by nominating it as a priority bike connection from Domain into South Melbourne, Fisherman's Bend and the CBD. It also identified Park Street as part of the Principle Pedestrian network.

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To deliver this vision, Park Street was earmarked for a major streetscape upgrade, including new street trees, enhanced pedestrian experience with upgraded footpaths and a safe and direct bike connection.

Should Council's role in the approval process for Park Street and Bowen Lane be withdrawn via an Amendment to the Planning Scheme, officers would expect that those principles developed as part of the St Kilda Road North Precinct Plan (2015) be enshrined in any future design and development outcome.

Officers intend to brief Council on this matter as part of a broader discussion on its role in the MTP in June 2017.

In the meantime, our Project Team will continue to provide on-going support and engagement with the MMRA on the Project.

Yours sincerely

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