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> Port Phillip Region 609 Burwood Highway Knoxfield Vic 3180

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Dear Mayor

## RE: REQUEST THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO THE EXHIBITION OF A PROTECTED BIKE LANE ALONG KERFERD ROAD, INCLUDED IN THE SHRINE TO SEA DRAFT MASTERPLAN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.

Thank you for the opportunity to brief the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Councillors about the Shrine to Sea Draft Masterplan, including the proposed design solution to address the safety issues evident along Kerferd Road.

As stated at the briefing, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA, formerly DELWP) now writes to seek a formal response to the request that the Council agree to the exhibition of a protected bike lane along Kerferd Road, as the proposed design solution in the Shrine to Sea draft masterplan, for the purposes of seeking community feedback.

Agreement to exhibit for the purposes of seeking community feedback would not imply approval of the design solution. DEECA will provide all public feedback to the draft masterplan to CoPP. As the Local Roads Authority, CoPP will be responsible for the final decision as to whether this design solution is included in the final masterplan for implementation.

In developing the proposed design solution, DEECA tested several scenarios to address the safety issues against 18 separate criteria informed by international best practice (Healthy Streets) and site-specific criteria raised by the Council and community. This analysis will be released to the community as part of a suite of supporting documentation with the draft Masterplan. While adjustments raised through community feedback will be analysed and considered, the other design scenarios already tested will not be pursued further by DEECA.

Should the Council not agree to the exhibition of the design solution, DEECA would issue a rescoped draft for community feedback with that design solution removed. All traffic and transport reports, surveys and modeling would then be passed on to CoPP for future consideration as the Local Roads Authority.

Thank you again for your consideration. Should you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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Rod Anderson

Regional Manager, Community and Partnerships Port Phillip Region Chair, Shrine to Sea Project Control Group

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