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Ms Kaye O'Connor
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Dear Kaye,

Thank you for the information you have provided regarding a way forward for St Kilda Junction.

The points you make concerning the history and current problems, particularly the lack of coordination or master planning for St Kilda Junction, are well made.

I write to you as Shadow Minister for Public Transport and Shadow Minister for Planning. I have had representations made by members of your group, the City of Port Phillip, and importantly, local Liberal candidates for Parliament, Andrew Bond and Katie Allen. Their arguments are persuasive that the lack of a proper masterplan for St Kilda Junction compromises outcomes on a series of fronts.

The purpose of my letter is to communicate the intention of the Liberal Party to adopt many of the recommendations of JAAG if elected on November 24th.

Specifically, if elected as Planning Minister, I will convene a Ministerial Advisory Committee to lead a master planning process and to complete a full masterplan for the Junction by the end of 2019. The committee will be chaired by a local Member of Parliament; Andrew Bond, if he is elected. The committee will consist of key agency representatives; PTV, VicRoads, Parks Victoria, a Transport Department representative, representatives of relevant bus and tram franchisees, a City of Port Phillip representative and 4 local community representatives including a member/s of JAAG.

The terms of reference for the advisory committee will be drafted after consultation with the City of Port Phillip and JAAG. The advisory committee will be supported administratively by the Planning section of DELWP or its successor. The committee will be asked to pass early comment on proposals currently under discussion for bicycle lanes the length of St Kilda Road and its impact on St Kilda Junction and transition through St Kilda Junction. We are troubled by Labor's current proposal which appears to have a number of issues as yet unresolved.

The advisory committee will also be asked to provide advice on tram stopping arrangements at or near St Kilda Junction and both interim and long term arrangements for pedestrians. The advice of the committee will be sought on tram stop 30 and tram stop 131 and relevant steps to ensure their compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act. These major tram stop improvements require long term planning and are inherently costly, but a start must be made.

As your organisation has concisely pointed out and advocated for over a longer period, St Kilda Junction is an important road junction but is significant in a local context as well. Pedestrians, cyclists, road traffic and tram patrons must all be accommodated as must key historic features and aesthetics.

In this context, makes sense for the community to lead the development of a modest yet achievable "St Kilda Junction Design Framework".

Yours sincerely,

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