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Cr Kathy Majdlik
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Majdlik

Thank you for your letter dated 14 June 2016 to the Hon Darren Chester MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, regarding the upgrade of the Western Highway from Caroline Springs to Melton. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf. I regret the delay in responding.

The Australian Government has committed nearly \$6.7 billion towards land transport infrastructure in Victoria from 2013-14 to 2019-20. This includes the \$1.5 billion transport infrastructure package announced by the Prime Minister in April 2016. The package, which includes a \$345 million rural and regional roads package, will fund additional projects in Melbourne and regional Victoria and is conditional on the Victorian Government agreeing to provide matching funding.

While I note your support to upgrade the Western Highway from Caroline Springs to Melton, it has not yet been identified as a funding priority by the Victorian Government. I therefore encourage you to make representations with the Victorian Government about this project.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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