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3739280 DOC 10 Hon Luke Donnellan MP Minister for Roads & Road Safety 1 Spring Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Minister for Ports Telephone: +613 8392 6150 DX210292 CMIN165648 (File No.: PC028761) Cr Kathy Majdlik

Cr Kathy Majdlik Mayor City of Melton PO Box 21 MELTON VIC 3337

Dear Cr Majdlik Kathy

Thank you for your letter dated 14 June 2016, regarding the Western Freeway between Rockbank and Melton and the Bulmans Road and Harkness Road future interchange options.

VicRoads acknowledges the impacts of population growth on the transport network and will continue to work closely with the Melton City Council, other surrounding municipalities and key stakeholders on various transport priorities.

The Bulmans Road overpass was completed in July 2011 as part of the Western Highway-Anthony's Cutting Realignment Project. The overpass caters for local north south traffic and was constructed to free-up capacity at the Coburns Road interchange. VicRoads will continue to monitor the traffic and safety conditions at this location to determine the need for future road improvements.

VicRoads has secured land at both Bulmans Road and Harkness Road to enable future interchange options to serve Melton West. The timing and sequencing of additional interchanges to serve Melton West is yet to be determined.

VicRoads has developed a proposal to upgrade the Western Freeway, between Rockbank and Melton, to freeway standard, including full access control via the removal of several existing direct access points to private and commercial properties. These proposals will be considered in future road programs.



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Should you require any further information, Mr Paul Noisette, VicRoads Manager, Strategies and Planning, Metropolitan North West Region (Tel: 9313 1234), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Hon Luke Donnellan MP Minister for Roads and Road Safety

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