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Dear Mr Shannon

Thank you for your letter regarding the City of Melton's concern for civil works surrounding the Taylors Hill West 7-12 School.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education and Training made a decision, earlier this year, to construct a full-sized Year 7-12 secondary school on the site identified in the Taylors Hill West Precinct Structure Plan (PSP). This decision was made after significant consultation with the Council and Victorian Planning Authority to revise the configuration of future school provision within the PSP.

I appreciate that this decision has had a financial impact on the City of Melton. However, the Department is unable to assist as its available capital funding is fully committed to building the school. The construction of Stage 1 is planned to commence in 2017, and the school is scheduled to open in Term 1, 2018.

That said, the Department understands that the design of the road and footpath fronting the school along City Vista Court necessitates a four-metre wide encroachment onto school property. Ordinarily, there would be a process of land acquisition and payment of market value for the land by Council to the Department. In this instance, and to assist Council, the Department is prepared to recommend to the Minister that this land be transferred to the City of Melton at nil consideration.

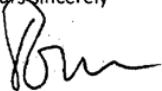
The Victorian Government has embarked on a major investment in education and school infrastructure, and funding has been allocated to build new and upgrade existing schools. The discretionary funding of public infrastructure outside of this is not available; however, the Department will support the Council in any bid for alternative resourcing that may be available.

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Yours sincerely



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