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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 20 March 2018 on behalf of local residents about the Caroline Springs station car park. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge your residents' ongoing concerns about commuter car parking at Caroline Springs station. I passed your letter to Transport for Victoria (TfV) for advice.

TfV advised there are no immediate plans to upgrade commuter car parking at Caroline Springs station. I have asked TfV to consider your feedback in future planning for the station.

As you are aware, the Andrews Labor Government recognises that adequate parking plays a key role in the development of a sustainable and usable train network. In 2016, the Government invested \$20 million to upgrade commuter car parking facilities at train stations across the network. The 2017-18 State Budget committed a further \$8.7 million for additional station car parking and station upgrades. As you know, Deer Park station was recently upgraded with 272 new commuter parking spaces as part of these works.

The 2018-19 State Budget will provide a further \$60 million for new and upgraded station car parks, more secure storage facilities for cyclists, and better access for pedestrians at busy metropolitan train stations. More information is available online at <www.victrack.com.au/carparkupgrades>.

As part of the Ballarat Line Upgrade, a new station will be built at Toolern, and Rockbank station will be rebuilt. These projects may help to alleviate pressure at Caroline Springs station. You can find detailed information on the Regional Rail Revival package online at <<http://regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au>>.

Thank you again for sharing your constituents' concerns with me.

Yours sincerely

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