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27 July 2020

Councillor Lara Carli
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City of Melton
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Dear Mayor Carli,

Thank you for your letter dated 13 July 2020 outlining opposition to the use of the Ravenhall landfill site for the disposal of spoil from the Westgate Tunnel Project.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the Minister responsible, Min Jacinta Allan, on your behalf.

The attached response has been received and I forward it for your consideration.

As always, I am happy to discuss this or any other matter with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen McGhie'.

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Dear Mr McGhie

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2020 on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Melton, Cr Lara Carli regarding Cleanaway's proposal to receive soil from the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP).

I want to acknowledge your continued advocacy on behalf of your community in relation to this matter. I note that we have met to discuss the various proposals for the disposal of soil from the WGTP and that you have conveyed to me, in no uncertain terms, the concerns that some members of your community have raised.

As you know, as part of its contract with the Victorian Government to deliver the WGTP, Transurban and its builder CPB-John Holland are considering a range of sites to store soil excavated from the projects' two Tunnel Boring Machines.

It is important to note that Cleanaway is one of a number of operators that have put forward a proposal and that no decisions have yet been made.

The WGTP is the biggest single investment in the west since the West Gate Bridge. It will slash up to 20 minutes off a trip to the city for residents in places like Rockbank, Caroline Springs and Ravenhall. Most importantly, the project will create 6000 jobs during construction and will support thousands of businesses in the west by providing a better connection to the Port of Melbourne and the CBD.

Our government has a strong track record of taking a conservative approach to the management of PFAS, and this is absolutely the case in relation to the WGTP. All solutions being considered are based on best practice environmental management and advice from EPA Victoria.



EPA Victoria has confirmed from extensive testing of groundwater that levels of PFAS in the soil from the WGTP are expected to be low and at levels that would be safe for the community and the with the appropriate controls in place.

The Melbourne Regional Landfill is an existing Category C waste facility and currently accepts material with much higher levels of contamination than the material that is the subject of this proposal.

In addition to its existing controls, I'm advised that the as part of Cleanaway's proposal a stringent Environmental Management Plan would be in place and an EPA-accredited environmental auditor would oversee the management of the soil.

A traffic assessment will be carried out to determine the appropriate transport routes to minimise the impact on local roads.

The Government has made it abundantly clear that this proposal will not be approved unless Transurban, Cleanaway, CPB-John Holland and the WGTP can demonstrate that the proposal is safe, any impacts can be appropriately managed and regulators such as the EPA are satisfied.

I trust this information is of use to Cr Carli. I note that the City of Melton has already received a briefing from Cleanaway in relation to the proposal however I would be happy to arrange for my office and the WGTP to provide further briefings if required.

Yours sincerely



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