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Dear Ms Mayor

**WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT
CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM WESTGATE TUNNEL PROJECT**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 1 May 2020 (Ref. L Tori/bmck) in relation to soil from the West Gate Tunnel Project being deposited at the Ravenhall landfill site.

My advice in our meeting was that no tunnel spoil has been deposited at Ravenhall given that tunnelling has not commenced and Transurban's builder is continuing to progress a commercial tender to find a suitable location for tunnel spoil. No decision has been made yet in relation to finalising a permanent site to store tunnel spoil. My response was targeted at the large volumes of (wet) tunnel boring spoil that has been subject of significant media and other attention.

I can confirm that small amounts of dry non-tunnel spoil from the West Gate Tunnel Project have been deposited at Ravenhall in accordance with the Environment Project Authority Victoria requirements and authorisations.

My apologies that there has been a misunderstanding on this occasion. As discussed in our meeting, extensive testing shows the levels of PFAS in the spoil from the tunnel boring are expected to be low and at safe levels for the community and the environment with appropriate controls.

We recognise this is an issue of great interest to you, your Council and the community. The tender process being run is progressing to get a solution as soon as possible. Our expectation is that there will be engagement with the community and stakeholders on any proposal before a decision is made.

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I also draw your attention to some comparative diagrams available on our project website that show the proposed levels of tunnel boring spoil compared to other sites and relevant standards. This can be found at westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/construction/soil-management along with other fact sheets. I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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cc: Mr Kelvin Tori, Chief Executive Officer, City of Melton