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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 13 August 2020 regarding the Robinsons Road level crossing removal project in Deer Park.

The Andrews Labor Government's Level Crossing Removal Project is removing 75 dangerous and congested level crossings around Melbourne by the end of 2025, with 38 already gone.

I was pleased to announce the dangerous and congested level crossings at Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer and Robinsons Road, Deer Park have been fast tracked for removal by 2023, with construction to start early next year.

I welcome Melton City Council's (Council) support for the fast-tracked removal of Robinsons Road, which will boost local jobs and help get the western suburbs moving as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic.

Before the 2018 election, we released a comprehensive framework for the prioritisation of the removal of additional level crossings beyond our original commitment of 50. This framework informed the Andrews Labor Government selection of the next 25.

All level crossings are dangerous. And the only way to get rid of more than 75 level crossings is to first get rid of 75.



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While Coburns Road level crossing has not been prioritised for removal under this framework, I acknowledge your concerns, and do not rule out its possible removal in the future.

Our Government will consider the future removal of additional level crossings in the City of Melton as part of our ongoing work to relieve congestion, increase safety and improve public transport through the removal of level crossings.

I look forward to seeing work ramp up on the removal of the Robinsons Road level crossing, and to continued cooperation with Council on the delivery of future projects that benefit the western metropolitan region.

Thank you again for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jacinta Allan MP Member for Bendigo East

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cc Hon Ben Carroll MP, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Mr Paul Younis, Secretary, Department of Transport Mr Steve McGhie MP, Member for Melton