MEETING OF COUNCIL Item 8.1 Parliamentarian and Departmental Letters received by the Mayor Appendix 1 Letter from Alan Fedda – Executive Director Metro North West – Interchange improvements at the Western Highway - dated 19 October 2021



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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 August 2021 to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Ben Carroll, advocating for interchange improvements at the Western Highway. The Minister has requested I respond on his behalf and I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Western Freeway is a significant and important corridor, providing Melton residents access to key services and employment opportunities across Melbourne.

The Department of Transport (DoT) is undertaking the Western Freeway Corridor (M80 Connectors) Study. While there is no commitment at this time to construct a freeway interchange at Mount Cottrell Road or traffic signals at the Ferris Road northern ramps, DoT will consider your feedback as part of this Study. This will help to inform the priorities for investment in a future funding program in the context of other state-wide initiatives.

I trust that this information has assisted in answering your concerns.

If your officers require further information, please contact Nigel Smith, Project Manager M80 Connectors- Western Freeway Corridor Study, of the Department of Transport on telephone 0406 661 504.

Yours sincerely

Alan Fedda **Executive Director Metro North West**

Date: 19/10/2021

