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Dear Mayor *Kathy,*

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 2021 advocating for new bus services in the City of Melton.

The Andrews Labor Government recognises the important role that buses play in meeting the travel needs of people living in Melbourne's growing outer suburbs, including the City of Melton.

As you will be aware, the Victorian Government significantly enhanced Melton's bus network in 2019, with the launch of two new routes, Route 444 between Aintree and Rockbank station and Route 454 between Melton station and Cobblebank station. Route 459 was also extended, connecting more Harkness residents to Melton station.

Melton public transport services have been further enhanced by the Ballarat Line Upgrade, with an extra 140 services stopping at Melton station each week from 31 January this year.

The Department of Transport (DoT) continuously reviews the entire bus network to identify where improvements can be made, including delivering new services to growing communities. I have asked DoT to consider the City of Melton's advocacy as part of network planning.

When reviewing existing bus routes or planning new ones, DoT considers several factors. These include the likely number of users, suitability of the road network for bus operations, development of a direct and easily understood network, and connectivity with other public transport services.

I hope this information is of use. Thank you for taking the time to raise this matter.

Yours sincerely

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cc Mr Steve McGhie MP, Member for Melton

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