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Dear <<ADDRESSEE\_NAME\_01>>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP STAGE ONE: CHELTENHAM TO BOX HILL

I am writing to update you on Suburban Rail Loop and provide you with information about the proposed location of supporting infrastructure.

Suburban Rail Loop will transform Victoria's public transport system, connecting our suburbs and making travel easier and more convenient. It will connect every major train line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line, via Melbourne Airport, improving access to housing, jobs, schools, universities, and hospitals in Melbourne's middle suburbs.

Suburban Rail Loop will create up to 20,000 jobs during construction and kickstart the careers of 2,000 apprentices, trainees and cadets. Initial and Early Works on Stage One of the project, set to commence in 2022, will create up to 800 direct jobs.

Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) is responsible for the planning and delivery of this transformational project for the Victorian Government.

Stage One will provide a 26-kilometre rail connection in Melbourne's south east between Cheltenham and Box Hill. It will be built as a twin-tunnel, standalone line, that will fully integrate into our existing public transport network with new underground stations at Cheltenham, Clayton, Monash, Glen Waverley, Burwood and Box Hill.

## Proposed location of supporting infrastructure in Mount Waverley

Stage One of Suburban Rail Loop will require a range of supporting infrastructure for the operation of the new rail line.

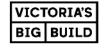
Supporting infrastructure, including an intervention and ventilation facility is proposed to be built on High Street Road, Mount Waverley, between Kiers Avenue and Elm Grove.

The intervention and ventilation facility is a critical element of Stage One as it will provide fresh air ventilation into the tunnels and an emergency access and exit point to the surface from the new rail tunnels.

Intervention and ventilation facilities are common and necessary pieces of infrastructure that play an important role in keeping the rail network moving. Melbourne has a number of these facilities in operation that service existing rail tunnels.

Designed as a vertical above ground building that connects to the tunnels, it will incorporate a central lift and intervention stairwells for emergency access. The facility will also house fans and equipment







to regulate air quality and temperature in the tunnels and allow for smoke to be extracted in the event of a fire.

The facility will be built to minimise operational impacts and the appearance of the building, including permanent structures and landscaping, designed to reflect the character of the area.

Your property at <<PROP\_ADDRESS>> is in the general vicinity of the area of interest for the proposed intervention and ventilation facility at Mount Waverley. It is important that you are aware of both the project and this area of interest.

Site investigations and other work are being undertaken at the proposed location and the surrounding area. As a result, you will notice some increased local activity. This work is being conducted under strict protocols in line with current COVID-19 health advice.

## **Next steps**

Rail infrastructure for Stage One of Suburban Rail Loop will be assessed through an Environment Effects Statement (EES), Victoria's most robust planning and environmental assessment process.

A factsheet outlining this process is available at <a href="mailto:suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/library/factsheets">suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/library/factsheets</a>

Over coming months, we will be seeking feedback on Stage One project design from landowners and tenants, businesses, community members, councils, universities, and regulatory authorities as part of the planning and environmental assessment process for the project.

You can currently provide feedback at <a href="mailto:suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/have-your-say">suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/have-your-say</a>

It is important to note that the project design and the construction methodology for Stage One is not yet finalised, and changes may be made as a result of feedback received during the planning and environmental assessment process. We will keep you informed as this progresses.

Should you have any questions, I encourage you to contact the Suburban Rail Loop information help line on **1800 105 105** or email the project team at **contact@srla.vic.gov.au**.

Yours sincerely

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