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Dear Matthew

Re: Petition No.164 – Bayswater Train Station

Thank you for your letter dated 21 September 2020 regarding *Petition No. 164 – Bayswater Train Station* which I tabled in the Legislative Council on 17 September 2020.

The petition, which contains 1,024 signatures, reflects the community's strong opposition to the design of the new Bayswater Train Station, the proposed installation of a viaduct and identified road layout modifications and their impact on the local road network, residents and local businesses.

It should be noted by the Committee that there is strong support for better access to public transport and a re-design of Bayswater Station. A key concern for the community, however, has been the clear departure from the original images shown to the local community in 2018 and the new designs that were released earlier this year. The petition therefore seeks to have the original design and features the community understood were being delivered as part of the project re-instated.

Since the tabling of the petition in Parliament, I note the State Government has made amendments to the station design following these community concerns including the addition of escalators, a new aesthetic for the design and improvements to public space.

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These improvements are acknowledged however members of the community do remain concerned with elements of the design that have not been amended, particularly the inclusion of a viaduct which has been included without consultation, the local road layout and parking facilities.

With regard to the proposed viaduct, I understand that its inclusion in the station design was not raised with the community as part of any consultation process. As you will appreciate, there is significant concern with regard to its likely visual and general amenity impact on local residents.

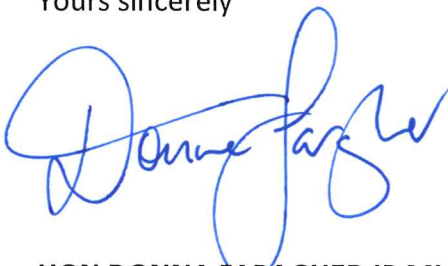
Furthermore, road layout modifications have been presented which permanently close Whatley Crescent to Hamilton Street to accommodate a second traffic subway. This road closure cuts off a large section of the residential precinct from the town centre and there are concerns that traffic flow will be impacted, particularly given cars will be required to travel and exit onto King William Street via Olfe Street which is a small residential street.

Residents and businesses owners have also expressed concerns about the lack of parking in the town centre and the station and the impact this will have on local businesses during construction and once the station is complete.

The Committee's assistance in obtaining further clarification from the State Government regarding the viaduct, road layout and parking facilities in relation to the station as well as any future community consultation processes that are expected to be undertaken would be appreciated by the petitioners and the community generally.

Thank you again for providing me the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee in relation to this important matter. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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