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Seaford Community Meeting

Saturday May 14, 2016

NO SKY RAIL

COMMUNITY MEETING



Nepean Highway

Join us as we discuss Sky Rail with Local Councillors, as well as State and Federal politicians.

Date: Saturday May 14 at 3pm.

Where: Seaford Community Centre. 1/6 Broughton St (on the corner of Station St)

This event is not to be missed. We will also have questions from the audience.

Topics

- Impact to residents, including overshadowing property & values
- Impact on small business
- Environment – Noise & Pollution
- Crime

Speakers

- Frankston Council
- Liberal
- Labor
- Greens

Frankston, Seaford, Carrum & Patterson Lakes

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Apologies & Statements

Mark Dreyfus

Thank you for the invitation to Mark Dreyfus, Federal Member for Isaacs, to attend the No Sky Rail community meeting at the Seaford Community Centre on May 14. Unfortunately Mr Dreyfus is unable to attend due to a long standing family commitment at that time.

Sonya Kilkenny

I've got another commitment from 3-4 today, also in Seaford.
But I'll try my best to get to your meeting after that.

Peta Murphy

Dear Simon,

Thank you very much for your email and your kind invitation. Unfortunately I already have a prior commitment on at that time and will not be able to attend the meeting. I hope it goes well.

Tim Richardson

Sends his apologies via Simon Johnson. Tim had a prior engagement and had to fly interstate Saturday morning.

Paul Edbrooke

Dear Simon,

Thank you for the invitation to your meeting at the Seaford Community Centre on Saturday 14 May 2016. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend. Please pass on my apologies.

I understand that there is some level of community concern about the removal method of the eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston. I have regular briefings from the Level Crossing Removal Authority and am aware that they will be presenting feasible design options to local communities around the middle of this year and seeking feedback on those as they work towards developing a recommended design for each level crossing in late 2016. At this stage all of the methods for level crossing removal are still being considered for the Frankston line. Put simply, these are:

- lowering the road under the rail
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- realigning the road to improve traffic flow in some circumstances.

While I understand that you do not believe that an elevated rail solution is the correct one for the Frankston line, the Level Crossing Removal Authority has a responsibility to investigate all options to determine the solution that is best for each site. Part of this is understanding each community's interests, which can be many and varied. The Authority also needs to understand the engineering and construction constraints and take all factors into account when doing its investigations. The Frankston line crossings have a range of special issues and are among the most challenging level crossings to remove because of their proximity to Port Phillip Bay and other natural features such as the Patterson River. The Authority held nine community information sessions during March and has recently completed doorknocking residents around each level crossing. This has been a comprehensive and thorough process, with all community feedback entered into an online engagement tool. I have been advised that the report on this most recent round of community engagement will be made available to the public before the next round of engagement. Please feel free to pass this information on at the community meeting. Thank you again.

Nina Springle

Statement re Level Crossing Removal – Frankston Line
Meeting 14 May 2016

The Victorian Greens apologise that we could not be here today.

While the Greens are supportive of improving our public transport infrastructure, including the upgrade of the Cranbourne Pakenham rail corridor and easing local congestion on roads, it is only fair that the people affected by such projects be informed and included as part of that process. The Greens believe that Labor did not properly consult with communities on the removal of level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong, we are further concerned that those same mistakes will be repeated for communities on the Frankston line.

The Greens believe that locals affected by level crossing removals on the Frankston line should be part of a genuine consultative process. We didn't see that in relation to the Cranbourne Pakenham rail corridor. Locals affected by the elevated rail proposal should have been part of a genuine consultative process that allowed the ability to input and influence the decisions about the most appropriate construction technique for each of the level crossings and stations.

To date the Greens have not seen, nor has any been made publicly available, any technical advice that has allowed us to make an informed decision about what is the most appropriate solution for level crossing removals between Caulfield and Dandenong. We are concerned similar will apply in relation to the Frankston line. We also remain concerned about the lack of information publicly available to inform how the government came to a decision to proceed with elevated rail. The Greens MPs are seeking a detailed briefing from the LXRA.

It is the Greens expectation that appropriate assessment and reporting is conducted as part of the evaluation of the project, not only on the Cranbourne Pakenham rail corridor but on the Frankston line, in fact any major project undertaken in Victoria should have a full suite of thorough assessments and reporting.

The Victorian Greens Spokesperson for Public Transport Samantha Dunn, will be working in Parliament to keep Labor accountable to the community. It's important to get these projects right, they need to last for decades.