



Rail Under Road

No Sky Rail: Frankston Line

No Sky Rail On Frankston Line Incorporated
Association No. A0095560C

PO Box 2037,
Edithvale, Victoria 3196

Date: Sunday 29th May 2016
Time: 11:30 am
Event: E Y Sweeney survey on behalf of Level Crossing Removal Authority
Interviewer: Julius (name withheld)
Interviewee: Willem Popp. President No Sky Rail: Frankston Line Community Association

Below is a transcript from a survey I participated in today. The aim is to share both the questions being asked and my answers to residents can be prepared when approached to partake.

The intent is to balance what many see as a biased survey and allow residents to consider their responses so we can give our views that we do NOT want a Sky Rail in our area.

This is just a quick transcription for now.. I will listen to it again later and see if I can formulate better answers for us to all use... but you now get the drift...

Question 1: Are you a resident at this address?

Answer 1: Yes

Question 2: How long have you lived here?

Answer 2: 14 years

Question 3: Have you heard that a number of the level crossing are being removed along the Frankston Line

Answer 3: Yes I have

Question 4: Overall would you say that you are a supporter or opposed to the removal of the Level Crossings on the Frankston Line?

Answer 4: I support the removal of the Level Crossings

Question 5: Are you in favour or strongly in favour?

Answer 5: Strongly in favour?

Question 6: For what reasons?

Answer 6: Because I want to remove them and place the below ground

Question 7: For what reasons specifically?

Answer 7: I want the crossings placed below ground

Question 8: Yes, but what effect would that have?

Answer 8: I want the crossings placed below ground
▪ I asked him if he could specifically add this to his survey
▪ He said he could but did seem to be able to!



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- *Do you have a free text field?*
- *He then added my response.*

Question 9: Is that (my desire to have the crossing removed) because of noise or what?

Answer 9: Because of the amenity of the area.

At this point the survey stalled as I asked him a bit about the approach.

— I asked him if the questions were all closed or if there were options to add additional comments

Response A: He said there was both closed options and open free text fields we could add our questions.
There are about 10 questions with only 2 or 3 having free text answers

— I asked him for a copy of the questions, which he said would be sent to me...

Response B: But then he fumbled to find an email address for me to follow him up on

— So I asked him who he was conducting the survey for

Response C: and said the "Level Crossing Track Removal Authority".

- *I corrected him and told him it was the LXRA... but he was pretty close.*
- *I asked him:*

— "What has been the brief you have been given when you come out?"

Response D: Just set questions.

Response E: Yes, just set questions.

— I asked him if he had any training in interview techniques, to which he replied

Response F: No.

— What area are you covering?

Response G: Everywhere south of Mordialloc

— Are you targeting specific houses

Response H: We have set areas

— How far back do you go

Response I: Not sure but it pretty expansive.

Question 10: In your opinion what would be the benefit to the local community of the removal of these crossings?

Answer 10: I think they need to be placed below ground,
the benefits are to improve the amenity of the area.

Question 11: By "amenity" (he struggled to turn the question around to get me to expand) ..do you mean convenience?

Answer 11: Convenience ...aesthetics... reduce the noise, improve the health aspects, make it easier to get around, improve the general look and vibe of the suburb,

— Are they all closed questions.

Response J: Yes, they are all closed.



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Answer 12: What concerns do you have about the level crossings
▪ *This was a leading question to get me to pick from a set list of responses... disruption, construction noise, etc.)*

Answer 13: I am not worried about disruption or the construction works, nor the cost to the taxpayers, (or any of the options he had..... will find them later)

Question 12: How important to you are each of the following factors:

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|----|-----|---|
| a. | | Availability of parking |
| | i. | Not important to me. |
| b. | | Manage public space in the local area |
| | i. | Not important (to me) |
| c. | | Number of Rail Crossing points |
| | i. | Not important (to me) |
| d. | | Access across the railway line to shops and beaches |
| | i. | Not important (to me) |
| e. | | Look and attractiveness of the area |
| | i. | Critical (to me) |
| f. | | Reduced Levels of Road Congestion |
| | i. | I had to think about this ... how would I get an anti-sky rail answerNot important (as I would rather no crossing removal if Sky Rail is the only option, so happy to live with congestion if I have to |
| g. | | Peace and Quiet of the Community |
| | i. | Critical (to me) as in ground should be quieter |
| h. | | Safety of road users and public transport users |
| | i. | Important (to me) |
| i. | | Reliability and Frequency of train services on the Frankston Line |
| | i. | Not Important (to me) as I don't want this to be used as excuse for Sky Rail as it has been |
| j. | | Ongoing success for local businesses |
| | i. | I asked if this was during construction or after... he was not sure. |
| | ii. | Not Important (to me) as I am not bothered about the disruption if an in ground solution takes longer... and Edithvale is such a quiet shopping strip I doubt it would have much impact (can be worse than it is now) |
| k. | | Connections between different parts of the community |
| | i. | Important (to me) |
| l. | | Cycle Routes and cycle safety |
| | i. | Important (to me) as this is being touted a benefit of Sky Rail so they can put a bicycle path underneath it.. which is non sense... and I am a regular cyclist who rides to work |
| m. | | Connections between different parts of the community |



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i. Important (to me)

Question 13: Which of the aspects above would be most important?

Answer 14: Putting the rail crossings below ground... (I thought I'd try my luck)

Question 14: But that's not an option (in his survey) so I had to choose one of the above aspects

Answer 15: The amenity of the area (he rejected this also) so I answered
The amenity of the area.

Question 15: What is the next most important

Answer 16: Peace and quiet (for want of an answer)

Question 16: Is it your understanding that there are multiple options for the removal of the crossings?

Answer 17: Yes,

Question 17: What do you believe the options are that can be considered? (he then showed me his ipad with a list of options (rail or road over etc. rail or road under, etc Road realignment etc0.)

▪ *If I said Road over Rail he was to prompt me about what type.*

Note: there is an "Other" option which opens a free text field so you can tell them you want an In Ground solution (not underground, but an)

Answer 18: in-ground cutting (not a tunnel, and not a trench. But an in ground cutting.

Question 18: What sources of information have you had about the crossings?

▪ *There is a standard list of options.. newsletters, community events, etc...*

Question 19: Have you given any feedback to the LXRA such as email or social pin point?

Answer 19: Yes

Question 20: How would you like to be kept informed in future?

Answer 20: Have y

Question 21: Are you a regular train user

Answer 21: Yes

Question 22: Do you own the property?

Answer 22: Yes

▪ *You then can give your name and a phone number for future contact...*