

The Hon. Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning
Level 16, 8 Nicholson Street
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Via email: Richard.Wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister Wynne,

PROPOSED MINISTERIAL APPEAL TO AMEND MOORABOOL PLANNING SCHEME TO ALLOW SPOIL ONTO [REDACTED] SITE FROM WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT.

It has been brought to Council's attention through the [REDACTED] that it intends lodging an amendment to the Moorabool Planning Scheme to be put to the Minister for your intervention under section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

[REDACTED] has advised it has tendered for the West Gate Tunnel Project as a receiving facility for unclassified spoil generated from tunnel boring machines. The tender is proposed to be awarded in early December 2019. The project duration is approximately 12-18 months and will generate spoil 24/7. Two tunnel boring machines will commence at opposite ends of the tunnel alignment and meet in the middle. Once boring commences it will not stop until completion. An estimated 1.5 million m³ of spoil is expected to be generated over the life of the project.

[REDACTED] intends to receive material on a 24/7 basis for the duration of the project. Spoil would be stored onsite in purpose-built storage bays until analytical data is assessed for waste categorisation against EPA classifications that have been issued specifically for this major infrastructure project. These results would determine the disposal location onsite. A small percentage of material may require offsite disposal at a treatment facility.

Due to the imminent nature of the proposal and its likely impacts on the surrounding community, we are requesting an urgent meeting with yourself or the heads of the relevant State Government department at a minimum to discuss and understand the proposal and the process.

It is worth noting that we have the Maddingly Planning Study which commences to public consultation in November and which includes the site and its future use, as well as approved road upgrades (contracts awarded) that will commence in the next month.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter and trust that you will respond with the level of urgency that is expected and required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek Madden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Derek Madden
Chief Executive Officer