

Mr Peter Sammut  
Chief Executive Officer  
West Gate Tunnel Authority  
Email: [REDACTED]

16 April, 2020

Dear Peter,

**Re: West Gate Tunnel Project and [REDACTED]**

Thank you for your letter dated Monday 6 April, 2020.

I note it makes reference to the offer of an additional briefing from the West Gate Tunnel and [REDACTED] project team to Council. Council was agreeable to the briefing, the only reason the briefing did not go ahead was because Council's request for the technical material that would form the basis of this discussion and briefing was not made available to Council in advance of the proposed briefing. This is despite Council's numerous requests for this information, including Council's offer to view redacted materials to address any alleged "commercial in confidence" aspects of the technical material.

We note that the material has been provided to other responsible authorities such as the Environment Protection Authority and Regional Roads Victoria.

Council remains at a loss as to why it too could not be provided with copies of the material. Council was, and remains of the view, that a briefing without the technical material does not allow for a considered and consolidated response and two-way consultation.

With the material Council would be able to ascertain what questions it ought to ask on behalf of its community and to enable a response for appropriate mitigation to potential impacts to Council assets. Without it, there can be no proper basis for consultation.

Council's offer to view redacted material in advance of any briefing stands. Council would then be more than happy, indeed eager for a briefing on that material and the project more broadly so that Council can ask the questions it needs to, to do its job and fulfil its statutory obligations.

Yours sincerely,



**Derek Madden**  
Chief Executive Officer

