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Cr Margaret Esakoff  
Mayor  
Glen Eira City Council  
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Dear Mayor

I am writing to you regarding the Australian Government's commitment to Commuter Car Park Upgrades at Elsternwick and Bentleigh, to be delivered by Glen Eira City Council.

The local Member of Parliament, Mr Tim Wilson, has advised me there may be a misconception among some of your fellow Councillors that, should Council choose to reject the funding provided for these commuter car parks, it could be used for other purposes.

Decisions by the Australian Government to commit investment in infrastructure are for specific projects, with a specific scope and within a determined funding allocation. As such, and to provide clarity I wish to advise that the Australian Government's funding allocated to the Commuter Car Park Upgrade projects at Bentleigh and Elsternwick can only be used for the development of these commuter car park projects. If Council is unable to deliver these projects the funding will be retained by the Australian Government.

In assessing future infrastructure proposals to be delivered by Glen Eira City Council, a range of factors will be considered, including the Australian Government's infrastructure priorities, and Council's ability to deliver on its own stated priorities. I trust Council will consider this issue before taking any decision to cancel these two commuter car parks. Such a decision could well have the long term consequence of reducing the chance of future applications for Commonwealth funding for the City of Glen Eira being successful.

The Australian Government commitment to Council to deliver two commuter car park upgrades was made on the basis that construction would commence within a reasonable timeframe. Funding will not remain allocated to these projects unless Council can demonstrate it is progressing these projects as quickly as possible.

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I therefore seek your early assurance that Council remains committed to these important projects and will advance planning as quickly as possible in order to secure the funding that has been allocated.

Yours sincerely



Paul Fletcher

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