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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees
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Attention: Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Inquiry into the administration and expenditure of funding under the Urban Congestion Fund

In my role as Director of Development & Amenity at Maroondah City Council I am providing information to assist the above enquiry. All the information provided below is publicly available and Council consents to the publishing of the following information and or this correspondence.

Question 1: Where in your LGA's transport and strategic planning frameworks were commuter car parks identified as priority infrastructure, and any documents which detail the priority given.

The Maroondah City Council Plan 2017-2021 contained an action entitled "Plan and implement carparking improvements in the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre and the Croydon Activity Centre". The Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre encompasses both Ringwood and Heatherdale Train Stations and Croydon Train Station is within the Croydon Activity Centre.

In August 2013 Council endorsed the process to develop a Heathmont Activity Centre Structure Plan including the Heathmont Train Station which is part of the commercial precinct. The plan was designed to provide guidance for land use, built form, access and movement networks, public spaces and infrastructure. In September 2016 a petition with close to 1900 signatures from the community called for Council to respond to the Heathmont Activity Centre Structure Plan, and to provide additional parking for the Heathmont Village commercial precinct as a priority. The Activity Centre Master Plan was approved by the Minister for Planning on 11 October 2018.

Question 2. Whether any carparks nominated for your LGA under the CCPF were inconsistent with or conflicted with your strategic planning frameworks;

No. The carparks are also consistent Maroondah City Council Parking Framework.

Question 3. Whether consultation was undertaken with your Council prior to any announcements of commitments under the CCPF; and

Yes Council provided information noted in Question 1 above, and actively sought funding for and suggested suitable sites. All prior to the funding announcements.

Question 4. Any other matters relevant to the above.

The Croydon Car Park is nearing completion and an update on this site and the progress of the three other sites can be found at <https://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Development/Developing-Maroonah/Maroondah-projects>

I trust this information is of assistance.

Kind Regards,

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