



**The Hon Anthony Albanese MP**

Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport  
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Leader of the House



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The Hon John Murphy MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Petitions  
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Dear Mr ~~Murphy~~

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2013 about a petition recently submitted to the Standing Committee on Petitions regarding level crossings on the Dandenong Rail Line in Victoria.

The Federal Government is committed to improving the safety and productivity of transport infrastructure in Victoria and is investing a record \$13.5 billion on road and rail projects under the Nation Building Program.

While I note the issues associated with level crossings at Carnegie and Murrumbeena, planning for and the operation of the Dandenong Rail Line is the responsibility of the Victorian Government.

That said, the Australian Government continues to assess the needs and merits of removing level crossings on the Dandenong Rail Line through Infrastructure Australia. As the petition mentions, in 2011, Infrastructure Australia assessed a submission from the Victorian Government for the Dandenong Rail Capacity Program.

In their 2012 and 2013 Infrastructure Priority List, Infrastructure Australia assessed the proposal as having real potential, meaning that the proposal addressed a nationally significant issue or problem but required further analysis to be undertaken by the Victorian Government.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely,

~~ANTHONY ALBANESE~~