

Dear Committee members

I refer you to the Executive Summary of the attached document.

<http://www.sustainablemelbourne.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/car.pdf>

In summary, it notes that public transport is not a viable option for many residents in the growth corridors of our major cities, either as at this time or in the short to medium term. Accordingly one alternative that would relieve congestion, environmental impact and economic costs for commuters is car pooling.

The Federal Government could take a lead role in helping Australia's local governments to facilitate car pooling, by developing a software package and implementation guidelines to be used by each council.

I am prepared to present this paper to the Committee in Melbourne on 30 March 2009 if that would be useful to the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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