In the last two weeks, there has been a number of announcements from the State Government that will have a significant impact on the future development of our City.

Firstly, we had the fantastic news that Wyndham’s three railway crossings, including Hoppers Crossing have been brought forward to be completed by 2022 instead of 2025 – a big thank you to Local Members Tim Pallas and Sarah Connelly for making this happen.

Late last week received news that the Australian Education City (AEC) proposal for the East Werribee Employment Precinct was not proceeding. Whilst Council does not have any direct decision making authority in relation to these projects – it’s important for residents to understand what we are doing all we can to ensure the best outcomes for City.

Level Crossing Removals

The State Government has released design options in relation to the three level crossing removals at Werribee Street, Cherry Street and Hoppers Crossing. Council staff have worked with the Level Crossing Removal Project in an attempt to minimise any amenity impacts whilst highlighting any possible traffic management challenges they may present.

It is now really important for residents to review the options and have their say. The options can be viewed at levelcrossings.vic.com.au and residents can find out more at 2 community information sessions being held this Saturday 13th July between 10am and 12.30pm and then on Tuesday 16th July between 5pm and 7.30pm – both at Encore Events Centre.

These projects will have a big impact on our City so I encourage residents to get along to the information sessions and provide feedback.

East Werribee Employment Precinct

Following the announcement that the AEC proposal for the East Werribee Employment Precinct is not going ahead, Council has sought urgent meetings the Minister for Priority Precincts, Gavin Jennings and other senior government bureaucrats to discuss next steps and the importance of the site being developed as a high-density employment zone.

East Werribee remains a National Employment and Innovation Cluster according to Plan Melbourne – and this potential needs to be realised. The size and location of the site lends itself to the development of a major commercial precinct of State significance and we will be taking every opportunity to work with Government to ensure that this occurs.

Regards, Mia Shaw.