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Dear Leader of the Opposition,

I am writing to you to highlight the importance of the Outer Metropolitan Ring Road (OMR) project and to seek your support for the OMR, including a clear commitment to fund the land acquisition required to secure the corridor, as well as a defined timeline for construction.

The OMR is an intergenerational infrastructure project that will connect some of Australia's fastest growing municipalities and critical employment and transport precincts across Melbourne's north and west. It represents nationally significant transport infrastructure that will improve freight efficiency, reduce costs across the economy, support economic growth, and strengthen connectivity between growing residential and employment centres.

The proposed 100-kilometre corridor stretches from Little River in Melbourne's west to Kalkallo in the north, would combine a high-speed freeway with rail infrastructure, including provision for up to four rail tracks and six road lanes. Once delivered it will provide a dedicated orbital freight corridor linking major national freight assets including Melbourne Airport, Avalon Airport, the Port of Geelong, the proposed Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT) and the Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal (BIFT).

For Melbourne's west, the need for action is becoming increasingly urgent. Existing infrastructure is already operating at or near capacity. Across our region, the impacts of delayed infrastructure investment are felt every day through worsening congestion, longer commutes, overcrowded transport corridors, and reduced access to employment and essential services.

In Wyndham, these pressures are particularly acute as population growth continues to accelerate, increasing demand on already strained transport infrastructure.

In 2008, the Brumby Government released the Victorian Transport Plan, identifying the OMR as one of the critical transport projects required to manage Melbourne's growth and maintain liveability. That plan also included the Metro Tunnel, West Gate Tunnel, North East Link, Peninsula Link and Regional Rail Link—projects that have now been delivered or are nearing completion.

The OMR remains the major undelivered project from that plan.

The 2008 Planning Assessment Report by VicRoads described the OMR as providing *"the backbone for the future transport network planning in Melbourne's growing northern and western suburbs."* Infrastructure Victoria has also emphasised the importance of preserving opportunities for major infrastructure investment, including the OMR and its connection to the WIFT. Securing the land corridor now is essential to avoid losing a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Failure to act now risks escalating land acquisition costs, increased development encroachment, and reduced ability to deliver the project efficiently in future.

Through Wyndham City Council's **'A Way Forward for Wyndham'** campaign, we have worked closely with our community, stakeholders and industry to identify the critical investments needed to ensure one of Australia's fastest-growing municipalities remains liveable, connected and economically productive. Through this work, we have identified a clear way forward for Wyndham—one that requires infrastructure investment to keep pace with population growth and to support the long-term needs of our community.

Central to that vision is the delivery of the OMR.

The need for this project is clear, the strategic case is well established, and the cost of further delay continues to grow. Wyndham's community cannot afford to wait another decade for essential infrastructure.

We urge the Victorian Opposition to demonstrate its commitment to Melbourne's west by reiterating its support for the OMR at this year's November State Election.

Wyndham City Council would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this critical project further and to work collaboratively toward delivering the infrastructure our growing community needs and deserves.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jasmine Hill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cr Jasmine Hill
Deputy Mayor, Wyndham City Council