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Acting Premier of Victoria  
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Via email: [james.merlino@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.merlino@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Acting Premier

### **Suburban Rail Loop Project – Stabling Yards**

I am writing to you regarding Council's concerns with the proposed location of the stabling yards associated with the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) project. The SRL are considering positioning the stabling yards within a sensitive green wedge area in the Kingston municipality. Bayside City Council is concerned about the impacts this will have on the Sandbelt Open Space – Chain of Parks Project that the City of Kingston has been developing to provide much needed open space for their community.

At its 16 March 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was resolved that Council:

- 1. writes to the Acting Premier of Victoria raising its concerns about the proposed location of the stabling yards associated with the Suburban Rail Loop project in the Kingston Green wedge area and the potential impact of these yards on the Sandbelt Open Space – Chain of Parks Project*
- 2. requesting that detailed and authentic engagement take place with the City of Kingston and other key stakeholders on the location of the stabling yards and other infrastructure associated with the Suburban Rail Loop Project.*


I am seeking your support to ensure that further detailed engagement takes place between the SRL, City of Kingston, the local community and other key stakeholders on the location of the stabling yards within the Kingston Municipality and other infrastructure associated with the Suburban Rail Loop Project.

Bayside City Council is supportive of the Suburban Rail Loop Project and see the many benefits that it will provide to our community and the other communities along the stage one route. The current COVID-19 pandemic has however highlighted the need and importance of open space that is available and accessible to all members of our community. Undertaking further engagement with the City of Kingston on the stabling yards location will assist to ensure the best outcome possible is achieved for the Suburban Rail Loop project while balancing the needs of open space provision across their Municipality.

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Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Adam McSwain, Director Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure on 9599 4430 or via email at [amcswain@bayside.vic.gov.au](mailto:amcswain@bayside.vic.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence Evans" with a stylized flourish underneath.

Cr Laurence Evans OAM  
**Mayor**

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