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14 January 2022

Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer
Australian Government
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Treasurer,

Re: 2022-2023 Federal Government Budget Submission

On behalf of Melton City Council, I am pleased to submit our 2022-2023 Federal Government pre-budget Submission.

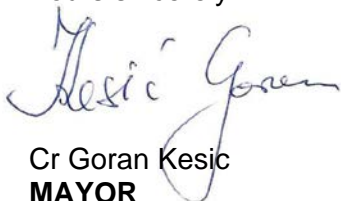
The City of Melton is on-track to grow to 500,000 residents by 2051 having recorded an unprecedented demand for residential lots released in 2020 with local sales outstripping Melbourne's other greenfield sites. Since the last Census in 2016, the population has increased by 31% to 185,471.

With only a .38 jobs to workforce ratio (0.6 growth area average), it is time to invest in quality, diverse local employment as already congested roads and public transport will not withstand demand. Our research has projected a jobs gap of 100,000 by 2051 and as a result we deliver a budget submission with a significant focus on Jobs and Investment Attraction, calling on the Australian Government to invest in the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT). Together with the OMR, these projects deliver benefits in freight efficiencies, decreasing congestion, creating jobs and as part of the broader Investment Attraction Strategy, will deliver an economic benefit of \$19B.

Furthermore, we call on the Australian Government to include the WIFT and OMR in any North West Melbourne City Deal. The WIFT is the preferred location for a freight terminal in Victoria by industry and strategically located on the freight routes to regional Victoria and interstate. The OMR is the connection between the North and West regions and is the cornerstone transformational infrastructure project that will drive investment, productivity, and connectivity. A City Deal should be meaningful in delivering long term economic benefit and with the inclusion of the WIFT and OMR will provide the foundation for significant commercial investment attraction.

On behalf of the City of Melton we look forward to working with your government to deliver these key initiatives.

Yours sincerely



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MAYOR



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