11 June 2019

The Hon. Jacinta Allan
Minister for Transport Infrastructure
Level 20, 1 Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister Jacinta,

NEWMARKET BRIDGE – REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

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Yours sincerely

Cr Narelle Sharpe
Mayor
Figure 1: Newmarket Bridge

Figure 2: Punt Road Bridge

Figure 3: Second gantry installed near Montague St bridge
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The Hon. Melissa Horne  
Minister for Public Transport  
Level 22, 1 Spring Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

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The Hon. Jaala Pulford
Minister for Roads
Minister for Road Safety and the TAC
Level 22, 1 Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister Jaala

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[Signature]
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Mr Danny Pearson MP
State Member for Essendon
Po Box 605
MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039

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Mayor
21 June 2019

The Mayor
Cr Narelle Sharpe
PO Box 126
Moonee Ponds Vic 3039

Re: Newmarket Bridge – Request for Consideration of Bridge Improvements

Dear Cr. Sharpe,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Newmarket Bridge.

I will follow up this matter with Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

Danny Pearson MP
State Member for Essendon
Dear Cr Sharpe,

I refer to your recent letter to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, regarding Newmarket bridge.

Responsibility for the matter you raise in your correspondence rests with the Minister for Roads, the Hon Jaala Pulford MP.

Therefore, your letter has been referred to the Minister for Roads for consideration.

Kind regards,

Department Liaison Officer

Office of Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Member for Bendigo East
Minister for Transport Infrastructure

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