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Dear Ms Piskuric

Melbourne Metro Rail Inquiry and Advisory Committee

I refer to your letter dated 5 August 2016.

I note that Stonnington City Council (Council) no longer seeks a direction with regard to the provision by the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority of certain information that it requested at the Directions Hearing. Accordingly, no such direction will be made.

I further note that the Council has to date not complied with Direction 19 of the Melbourne Metro Rail Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) Directions dated 29 July 2016.

It would appear that the Council may be proceeding on the basis that, because it no longer seeks a direction with regard to the provision of information, that it is no longer required to comply with this direction. This is not the case.

If Council intends to make submissions to the IAC that it should recommend the Project be modified so as to include a new station in South Yarra, or any upgrades of modifications to that station, then the IAC requires the Council to provide it with a submission setting out the basis for its contention that such matters are within the scope of its Terms of Reference. These submissions must be provided as soon as possible, and prior to the commencement of the hearing on Monday 22 August 2016.

If Council is not intending to make such submissions it should clearly indicate that this is the case without delay and indicate if this will reduce the time required by Council to make submissions.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Mitchell
IAC Chair