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Dear Mr McKeon

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 2018 on behalf of South East Melbourne about bus services in Melbourne's south east. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate your advocacy for improved public transport in Melbourne's south east, and acknowledge your request for a review of the bus network. I passed your letter to Transport for Victoria (TfV) for advice.

The Andrews Labor Government recognises the important role that buses play in meeting the travel needs of people living in Melbourne's suburbs. TfV advised that it regularly reviews the entire bus network to identify where improvements can be made. I have asked TfV to consider your feedback as part of network planning.

When reviewing existing bus routes or planning for new ones, TfV considers several factors. These include the likely number of users, suitability of the road network for bus operations, development of a direct and easily understood network, and connectivity with other public transport services.

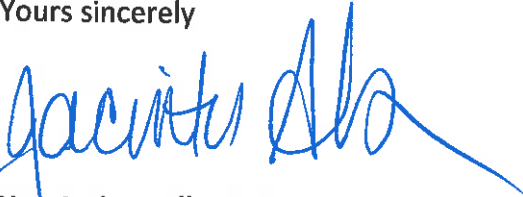
The Government is committed to improving bus services across Victoria, and has invested around \$200 million to build stronger, better-connected networks. This includes adding routes and services, creating more direct routes, and increasing service frequencies.

Since January 2018, a number of improvements have been made to bus routes in Melbourne's south east. Timetables for several bus routes have been revised to improve service performance and reflect changed traffic conditions in the area. In addition, the Huntingdale Bus interchange was upgraded as part of the Huntingdale Station Precinct Upgrade, and several routes in Cranbourne were extended to service new areas of residential development and improve reliability.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, I encourage you to contact Mr Andrew Korr, Acting Director of Public Transport Development & Coordination at TfV, who can be reached by telephone on (03) 8392 7997 or via email at <andrew.korr@ecodev.vic.gov.au>.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. Your feedback is important to the Government as we continue to work hard to improve public transport in Victoria.

Yours sincerely



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