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Mr John Englart johnenglart@takver.com

Dear Mr Englart

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2017 to the Minister for Public Transport about the possibility of extending the Upfield Bike Path and scope of the Camp Road Level Crossing Removal Project. Your email has been referred to me for reply. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is overseeing the delivery of this project, in consultation with the community, local council and other stakeholders. The boom gates at Camp Road are now gone, with all work to be finished by early 2018.

I am aware that the Hume Council has written to the Minister for Public Transport regarding extending the Upfield Bike Path, however the project to remove the level crossing removal at Camp Road does not include plans to extend the path.

I am advised there is not a commitment from the Victorian Government or VicRoads to fund an upgrade of the Upfield Bike Path at present.

It is important to note that level crossing removal works at Camp Road were designed to easily accommodate future improvements to the rail line and surrounding infrastructure such as the bike path.

Any upgrades or extensions to existing paths would need to be subject to future funding decisions of the government in the context of state-wide funding priorities.

LXRA is working closely with both Hume and Moreland City Councils to ensure the current works deliver the best possible outcomes for the community within the scope of the project.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I appreciate your interest in this vital infrastructure project. If you require further information, please contact the Level Crossing Removal Authority on 1800 762 667 or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

**Kevin Devlin** 

Chief Executive Officer

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