

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition Number: 634
Petition Sponsored by: Rachel Payne
Directed to: Hon Melissa Horne MP
Tabled on: 17/6/2025

Petition Grievance:

- The petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council the access between Chelsea train station and the shops on Nepean Highway. Most Chelsea residents live east of Station St, the Frankston line and the Nepean Highway corridor. The shopping strip and beach are west of this corridor.
- Chelsea station was rebuilt in 2021 as part of level crossing removals in the area. The new station features a bus interchange, footbridge, lifts, central exits and a pedestrian crossing on the Station Street side. However, a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the footbridge, lifts and central station exit on the Nepean Highway side was not built. Instead, people must backtrack via a narrow, unsheltered and unshaded fenced path to alternative pedestrian crossings well to the south or north. Some people do not feel safe on this path or are physically unable to walk the added distance. Others jump the fence to avoid backtracking. A direct crossing would increase visits to the shops, encourage activity, especially amongst seniors, and reduce risky fence-jumping.

Petition Action:

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council calls on the Government to build a signalised pedestrian crossing on the Nepean Highway, near the Chelsea train station lift and footbridge to provide direct access to shops and services that residents and visitors need.

Reply:

I thank the Clerk of the Legislative Council for bringing the petition to my attention and acknowledge community concerns regarding pedestrians crossing Nepean Highway near Chelsea train station.

Working closely with the Member for Mordialloc, I have asked Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to evaluate improvement opportunities for pedestrian connectivity across Nepean Hwy near Chelsea Train Station.



Hon Melissa Horne MP
Minister for Roads and Road Safety