

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition Number: 608
Petition Sponsored by: Renee Heath
Directed to: Hon Sonya Kilkenney MP
Tabled on: 26/11/2024

Petition Grievance:

The Petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council:

The extensive \$36 million development of the Kongwak Butter Factory under the Victorian Government's fast-track, Development Facilitation Program which has already generated substantial local opposition in the hamlet of Kongwak and over 4,100 signatures against the proposal on change.org.

Petition Action:

The Petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council ask the Victorian Government to:

- a) refer the permit application to the Department of Transport and Planning's Priority Projects Standing Committee for further detailed consideration before a decision is made by the Minister for Planning, and
- b) conduct public consultation meetings with those residents that live within the township boundary of the hamlet who will be most affected, and modify the development in accordance with that feedback.

Reply:

I thank the Member for Eastern Victoria Region for raising this matter on behalf of the petitioners.

I am yet to be briefed on the matter by my department. Therefore, I am unable to advise whether it is necessary or appropriate to refer this application to the Department of Transport and Planning's Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee.

I understand that the permit application submitted under the Development Facilitation Program has been through extensive public consultation with the community. All submissions, including those opposed to the proposed redevelopment, will be considered.



Hon Sonya Kilkenney MP
Minister for Planning

3/12/2024