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Dear Committee Members,

my greatest concern into ecosystem decline is the removal of substantial tracts of ecosystem for freeway construction in areas not previously set aside as road reservations. The worst of these is North East Link. Despite it being able to be constructed below ground and inside existing road reservations, this is not being done.

The only accessible forest area in Balwyn North is the Koonung Creek Reserve. This reserve will be clearfelled for construction, much of it permanently. The remaining parts will be replanted, though this rarely restores any treed area to it's previous state. The creek itself will become a drain under a freeway, effectively killing it.

At the other end of the proposed North East Link, much of the forested area inside Simpson Barracks will be permanently destroyed. The forest inside a military reserve has a high value due to it's level of protection. This area has one of the largest stands of Studley Park Gum (may go extinct from North East Link) and matted flax lily.

I submit that North East Link not be permitted to be constructed above ground and no part of it be constructed outside of a freeway reservation if it requires felling of native trees.

Regards

Ben Dawson

Yours sincerely,  
Ben Dawson



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