

Inquiry into the protections within the Victorian Planning Framework

Organisation Name:
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Submission:

I wish to submit to this inquiry that I am personally very disturbed over the treatment of Victorian citizens by the current Andrews state government in relation to its non consultative and free for all approach to development under the Victorian Planning Framework. Many communities including mine, have lost all certainty and fairness in planning decisions. Proposed industrial uses in designated Green Wedge Zone A land which is along side residential streets is simply an abhorrent and distressing prospect. Land in this category post sand extraction after its obligatory rehabilitation, along with Council drawn plans for much needed sporting fields is now at risk of being overrun by the introduction of VC 194 & VC 198 somehow giving the right for this Andrews State Government to do what is in their political interest with anything they deem to be a significant infrastructure or transport project. Green Wedge designations have been implemented for good reason, as an intelligent population grows, land set aside for open, natural settings are compulsory for both physical and mental health. I fear that a potential “sweetener” by the Andrews government to “trade off“ this vital land for adjacent green wedge land , both having a public acquisition overlay mind you, could well be what is tried on. All this land in Heatherton that I refer to had been promised for the long awaited Chain of Parks. No Government should ever be able to override such important community land use plans by in this case, an horrific 11 to 13 year construction with thousands of tunnelling truck load movements, noise and dust with on going 24/7 operation of a Train Stabling Yard, Maintenance, Test track, operations centre, and above ground through train line. The loss of vegetation, abundant bird life and other fauna will be lost forever. The Suburban Rail Loop Authority under Minister Jacinta Allan had to this date never adequately responded to community concerns over this SRL project nor has SRLA properly addressed alternative industrial sites identified for this planned massive project. Protection for our and all communities must be put in place as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

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