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OUTER SUBURBAN INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
INQUIRY INTO GROWING THE SUBURBS

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Inquiry into Growing the Suburbs.

I live in Kilmore and I believe this submission is required to address only Outer Suburban Issues so my submission will relate to the Shire of Nillumbik where my family live.

One thing I cannot understand is the under-utilised services which would easily accommodate some growth in the shire. I refer particularly to the Hurstbridge Railway line and the Eltham Main Sewer.

The Hurstbridge railway has been operational since 1912 yet growth has not evolved in accordance with best practice principles.

The same can be said for the Eltham Main Sewer which was installed through to Hurstbridge in about 1986 in anticipation of growth, but growth has not occurred.

How is it then that Whittlesea, a major Growth Corridor, has only limited availability for the sewer but growth is massive while the sewer to Hurstbridge remains under-utilised.

The Whittlesea railway line was decommissioned 52 years ago leaving much of the growth corridor without a rail service, while the Hurstbridge line, operational for 99 years, remains under-utilised for lack of growth.
I also believe the metropolitan ring road must be completed but would not want to see the tunnel option as a connection. Any connection needs to be direct – straight from Greensborough to Ringwood.

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