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Dear Mrs Kronberg

Inquiry into Growing the Suburbs: Infrastructure and Business Development in Outer Suburban Melbourne

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2011 about the Inquiry into Growing the Suburbs: Infrastructure and Business Development in Outer Suburban Melbourne.

The Victorian Government’s examination of the complex issues involved in suburban development is welcomed.

The Australian Government supports affordable living choices by encouraging both urban infill development and new outer metropolitan housing with access to facilities, services, education and jobs. These and other Government urban goals and initiatives are articulated in Our Cities, Our Future: a national urban policy for a productive, sustainable and liveable future (National Urban Policy), attached for your information.

I also draw your attention to COAG’s national objective and criteria for future strategic planning of capital cities, as outlined in the National Urban Policy.

I look forward to seeing the report on the outcomes of your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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