

## PLANNING

### Response to Question Taken on Notice

**Mr NEWBURY:** Thank you. Minister, I asked you about a couple of projects previously in relation to Plan Melbourne and how those projects were in line with those objectives. Can I ask one more while I have got you. Local residents have raised concerns about the planning of the new Union station, which will take place at the former stations for Surrey Hills and Mont Albert. The station entrance will be 4.5 metres from residents' front doors. Did you have any role as planning minister in the approval of that project?

**Mr WYNNE:** Union station in Windsor?

**Mr NEWBURY:** Box Hill.

**Mr WYNNE:** Box Hill. I am sorry; I am going to have to—

**Mr NEWBURY:** Take it on notice?

**Mr WYNNE:** I am pretty good at it, but I have got to say I do not know this project. It may in fact be a project that—I am just looking to Dr Homewood there, whether she has got any further advice on this. No, we do not, I am sorry. Hang on. We have got something here. No, it is a level crossing. It is not the level crossing?

**Mr NEWBURY:** No, station. If you could take that on notice, that would be terrific.

**Mr WYNNE:** No, I am sorry, I will have to take that one on notice. I am sorry, I do not have any detail on it.

#### Answer:

On 4 July 2021, I approved the consultation report and project boundary for the project in accordance with Clause 52.03 – Level Crossing Removal Project of the Victoria Planning Provisions.

The project includes the removal of the existing Surrey Hills Railway Station and Mont Albert Railway Station and associated level crossings and replacement of both stations with a single 'super-station' at Lorne Parade Reserve, Surrey Hills.

On 9 November 2021, Friends of Lorne Parade Reserve Inc filed a motion for judicial review in the Supreme Court of Victoria in relation to approvals for the Union Road, Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert Level Crossing Removal Project.

As this matter is now before the courts it would be inappropriate to comment further on the matter.