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Preston Market Precinct Draft Structure Plan and Darebin Planning Scheme Draft Amendment C182dare

The Preston Level Crossing Removal Project (**the Project**) will remove the level crossings at Murray Road, Cramer Street, Bell Street and Oakover Road, Preston via the construction of a continuous rail bridge. The project will deliver new community open spaces, new Bell and Preston stations, and safer local connections.

As the gateway to Preston's shopping district, the design of Preston Station incorporates the liveliness of the area, with the bright coloured façade echoing the vivid colours of produce that can be found at Preston Market.

The new Preston Station and elevated rail line means that commuters, locals and Preston Market shoppers can enter and exit the new station safely via an open forecourt, allowing safer and more convenient access to the heart of Preston.

The new station precinct will provide an expansive open space creating new and safer connections to popular local destinations such as the Preston City Oval, Preston Market and the many retail outlets on High Street. Relocating the eastern station car park as part of the Project makes space for new shared walking and cycling paths through the area, making it easier for everyone to access the station and connect to the new open space along the rail corridor.

Draft Structure Plan & Draft Amendment C182dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme

The Level Crossing Removal Project (**LXRP**) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Draft Amendment C182dare and the Preston Market Precinct draft Structure Plan (PSP).

As part of the Victorian Governments commitment to and investment in improving the public transport network for decades to come, LXRP support the efficient use of land adjacent to transport hubs and retail centres.

The PSP directly adjoins Preston Railway Station on the east and west side of the railway line and encompasses two Integrated Development Opportunity (**IDO**) sites, 30A Cramer Street and 102 St Georges Rd. The future potential development of these sites is supported by the PSP.

The LXRP and the North Western Program Alliance (**NWPA**) have engaged with the VPA, Darebin City Council (**DCC**) and the landowner throughout the development of the Amendment and PSP. The interface with Preston Station was a key design consideration in the preparation of the Amendment and PSP. The proposed PSP includes potential for east west linkages which will result in excellent connectivity between the Preston Station, Preston Market, the High St district and the new public open space delivered as part of the Project.

LXRP requests continued consultation regarding the detailed design of road intersections in the vicinity of Preston Station.

Yours sincerely

