



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Objection to Merrimu Precinct

From**Date** Thu 09/04/2026 5:29 PM**To** Merrimu PSP (DTP) <merrimu@transport.vic.gov.au>

As a lifetime Bacchus Marsh Resident and farmer with significant ancestors buried at the Hopetoun cemetery I make this submission to object to the Merrimu Precinct and any similar development which is dependent on the Bacchus Marsh Eastern Link Road Option B Alternative roadworks which deprive the important and historically valuable Hopetoun Catholic Cemetery of any access and allow for two large roundabouts their associated exit/entry roads and embankments to push against cemetery boundaries and threaten the cemetery's preservation and existence. Existence with access that should be guaranteed for perpetuity.

I also object to roadworks at the Flanagan's Drive/ Bacchus Marsh Road intersection because of the detrimental effects such work will have on this burial ground. The BMELR should be moved well away from the cemetery.

The amount of traffic generated by this development along the Avenue of Honour (Bacchus Marsh Road), Flanagans Drive, the old Western Highway and Long Forest Road where I live and farm must be managed and all appropriate infrastructure should be delivered up-front not awaiting development triggers such as number of dwellings or stages being delivered prior to delivery in particular of the road infrastructure.

Over the past 20 years that these discussions have been occurring, there were other more appropriate options that seem to have been discounted due to cost. Whilst cost needs to be considered, the Merrimu development is to house over 7,000 residential homes, and I presume ultimately other commercial and service industries. This should be incorporated into Precinct Structure Plans (PSP's) and the ultimate Development and Infrastructure Contributions so that other areas are neither disadvantaged nor paying for this development and infrastructure.

We are ancestors of early Bacchus Marsh Pioneers buried in this **sacred ground which has great historical and personal significance**. My parents and siblings are all Bacchus Marsh locals, and whilst not necessarily against development, I am against inappropriate development and in particular where others are disadvantaged due to this type of development.

I also wish the opportunity to be heard at any panel or other type of deliberations prior to final decisions being made.

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YF,

Sent from my iPad