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Dear Mr Emonson

Healesville Freeway Reserve

Further to my letter dated 2 July 2021 outlining Council's decision to seek ownership of the Healesville Freeway Reserve, I note that it has been announced that Parks Victoria will manage this significant parcel of community open space.

As part of the announcement the Minister provided advice that Parks Victoria will consult with a community reference group consisting of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Whitehorse City Council and organisations like the Friends of Healesville Freeway Reserve throughout the implementation of the concept plan.

I am pleased that it has been acknowledged that Council has a significant role to play in the planning for this reserve and hope that an initial meeting of the reference group can be convened soon. It may be of benefit for Council staff meet with Parks Victoria to discuss the future management arrangements for this project prior to establishing the reference group.

Council's Coordinator Recreation & Open Space Development, Leigh Morris can be contacted on 0466 514 798 or Leigh.Morris@whitehorse.vic.gov.au to arrange an initial discussion.

Yours sincerely

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