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Hon Terry Mulder
Minister for Transport
Parliament House
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Dear Minister,

Public Transport Policy

May we congratulate you on your appointment as Minister. We were much impressed with your views and policy statements made at various public meetings last year and earlier.

We commend you for your timely review of the costly and grandiose Victorian Transport Plan (VTP) and the foreshadowed appointment of a Public Transport Development Authority. Both these initiatives are widely welcomed.

We are very concerned at the on-going role of Mr Jim Betts, Secretary of your Department. Mr Betts has set the public transport agenda for many years which has resulted in the current shambles. This includes planning failures, the VTP, resistance to the coordination of public transport modes and sidelining alternative transport viewpoints. Of particular concern is the shabby treatment metered out by Mr Betts to widely respected transport academic, Dr Paul Mees (RMIT) and the Public Transport Users Association. We trust Dr Mees and the PTUA will be given constructive roles in public transport policy matters in the immediate future.

CRA looks forward to a positive working relationship with you on transport matters. We have been actively involved in these matters since the 1960's.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Bird
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