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Dear Mr Bird

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT POLICY**

Thank you for your letter of 7 February 2011 regarding the former Government's public transport policy.

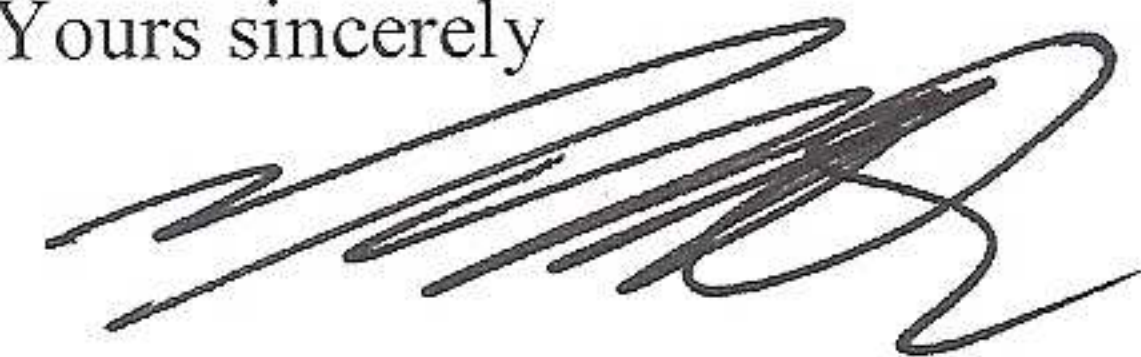
The Baillieu Government welcomes a wide range of views from interested observers, including academics specialising in public transport and roads issues.

In respect to your comments about DOT and its officers, the role of the Victorian Public Service is to deliver the policies of the Government of the day. The policies outlined in your letter, specifically the VTP, were that of the former Government, not the Department of Transport. The Department provides advice to Ministers. This advice is not, however, always agreed to and approved by the Government. Ultimately, the public transport agenda is set by the Government of the day.

The Baillieu Government is undertaking a comprehensive review of transport policy. We are committed to delivering on our commitments made during the election, including a rail link to Avalon airport; an independent review of myki; studies into rail connections to Doncaster, Rowville and Melbourne Airport; grade separations; another 40 new trains; and a number of road bypasses including the Kilmore-Wallan bypass, Dingley bypass and Koo Wee Rup bypass.

If you require further information, please contact James Lavery of DOT on telephone (03) 9095 4469.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Terry Mulder MP**  
Minister for Public Transport

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