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Dear Premier,

PARKVILLE BIOMEDICAL PRECINCT – TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Parkville Biomedical Precinct is a globally recognised innovation precinct and home to numerous medical research institutes, the University of Melbourne, University High School, and four major hospitals. It will also soon be host to Australia’s largest biotech company, a biotech incubator, the Australian Institute for Infectious Diseases, and the Parkville metro station.

The existing tenants and the new developments are bringing rapid growth – generating jobs, economic development, and research outcomes. But they are also exponentially increasing the daily pedestrian, cyclist, motorist, and public transport movements into and across the Haymarket Roundabout.

As such, the Haymarket Roundabout Stakeholder Group – representing the thousands of patients, clinicians, researchers, employees, and visitors who interact daily with the roundabout – are seeking an urgent review of the design of the roundabout, to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety as well as facilitate improved thoroughfare, allowing the free flow of movement among precinct tenants.

While the Parkville Biomedical Precinct is already world-class, we believe there is a real transformational opportunity to be had in the renovation and renewal of the roundabout. It is well understood globally that geographical clusters of research, clinical, educational, and industrial facilities – where the free flow of people is enabled and encouraged – actively drive and support the exchange of ideas and create a powerful cross-functional knowledge ecosystem. Further, whilst already the gateway to Melbourne, the opportunity exists to make the roundabout into an iconic centrepiece of the precinct; safe, globally recognisable, and synonymous with the Australian health and medical research excellence.

The Haymarket Roundabout Stakeholder Group respectfully requests that the government initiate a comprehensive review, planning, and traffic management study, to determine the options, costs, and timeframes for reconfiguration of the Haymarket Roundabout. Ideally, transformation of the roundabout would be completed prior to the opening of the new Parkville Metro station, and the introduction of thousands more pedestrians, by 2025.

Our group would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to further discuss our safety concerns and the potential upside of reform. We strongly encourage you to use the opportunity of the forthcoming Victorian Budget to allocate planning funds for cross-portfolio coordination and review. I would be grateful if you could please have your office contact Brendan Rowswell on 0402 916 952, or via b.rowswell@cprcomm.com.au, to arrange a convenient time to meet with members of our group.

Yours sincerely,

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