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Dear Mr Hassett

BOX HILL TO RINGWOOD RAIL TRAIL

Thank you for your email to Minister Pakula dated 12 March 2010 representing the Whitehorse Cyclists and providing detail of the Boxhill to Ringwood Rail Trail proposal. I am replying on behalf of the Minister, please accept my apologies for the delay in my response.

The Brumby Government recognises the importance of cycling and its continued growth as the community seeks more sustainable forms of transport. In March 2009, the Government released its \$115 million *Victorian Cycling Strategy*. The Strategy encourages cycling as a safe and convenient daily transport option for Victorians through the continued development of a well-connected network of on-road cycle lanes and off-road cycle paths to give cyclists better access to workplaces, activity centres, tertiary institutions and other popular destinations.

The Government is in the process of assessing the inclusion of sections of the rail corridor as part of the principle bicycle network (PBN). The Boxhill to Ringwood corridor will be used as a case study to develop policies to assess when cycle path could be developed along existing and future rail and other transport infrastructure. This study is expected to be completed by September 2010.

If you need more information, please contact Daniel Paez of the Department of Transport on telephone (03) 9095 4347.

Yours sincerely,

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