



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

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16 September 2019

The Hon Jaala Pulford, MLA,
Minister for Roads,
Minister for Road Safety and the TAC,
Electorate Office,
211 Dana Street,
Ballarat 3350

Dear Minister

Midland Highway Road Works / Tree Removal

I write on behalf of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria to ask you to resolve the issue posed by this project by reducing the speed limit to 80 kph instead of by removing trees to the detriment of conservation and of the historic landscape of Buninyong.

The Buninyong and District Historical Society has written you in this regard (9 September 2019; copy accompanies this letter). We strongly support their position. As they suggest in their letter, the solution is to reduce the speed limit from 100 to 80 kph along the short stretch of highway to avoid the destruction of over 400 trees and the detriment of the historic character of Buninyong.

The tree cover is, as the Society suggest, an essential part of the vista of Mount Buninyong, and forms an important wildlife corridor to the south. The area has a significant landscape overlay in the Ballarat Planning Scheme, and must be respected and protected.

Yours

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Chair, Heritage Committee,
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