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**Punt Road Public Acquisition Overlay Review community forum**

**6.00-7.30pm Monday 1 February 2016**

**South Yarra Primary School – enter via ramp, Pasley Street North**

The Victorian Government has committed to review the Public Acquisition Overlay in the Stonnington Planning Scheme along the east side of Punt Road between Alexandra Avenue in South Yarra and Union Street in Windsor.

The overlay has been in place since 1954 and protects the option to widen Punt Road in the future, but also affects how property owners may develop their properties.

The Minister for Planning has appointed an Advisory Committee under Section 151 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to review the future of the Public Acquisition Overlay affecting properties within the City of Stonnington on the east side of Punt Road along the 2.6 kilometres between Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra and Union Street, Windsor by seeking input from affected landowners, stakeholders and agencies and to recommend to the Minister for Planning whether to retain, modify or remove the overlay.

As the Advisory Committee public hearings commence in the week of 8 February 2016, I have agreed to host a community forum for affected landowners, stakeholders and interested nearby residents ahead of the public hearings to enable concerned residents who so desire to appraise themselves of pertinent issues.

While as your upper house MP I am hosting the community forum and writing to invite you to attend, the forum will be apolitical and run by the Punt Road Action Group/Drop Punt.

For my part, I last year successfully moved a motion in the Legislative Council requiring the production by the Government of all documents relevant to the possible widening of Punt Road and its alternatives.

In bringing the motion forward, I made the point very strongly that South Yarra is a community and that putting a massive freeway through the middle of that community would have enormous effects. There would be safety effects, health effects and effects on community connectivity.

This production of documents motion will put more information into the public domain. It will inform the public consultation process, and it will inform members of Parliament, the local council and the community in full. The documents are required to be tabled in the Upper House by Wednesday, 20 January 2016 and it is important that the Government complies if the Advisory Committee public hearings are to be fully informed.

I accept the government is going through a process and it needs to get on with that, but the community needs to be able to have its input into the process in an informed way and in a way that the executive does not have additional information at its disposal that the community, the Council and indeed members of Parliament do not have at their disposal.

Should this matter be of interest to you, you are most welcome to attend the community forum. Should you be unable to attend, but would like to access documents provided by the Government in response to the resolution of the Legislative Council, I intend to publish any documents provided by the Government on my web site [www.daviddavis.com.au](http://www.daviddavis.com.au)

You may also care to fill out my survey of local community attitudes towards widening Punt Road which will assist me and my colleagues to better reflect your views in the Parliament and the media. This is also accessible on my web site at [www.daviddavis.com.au](http://www.daviddavis.com.au)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Davis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**The Hon David Davis MP**  
**Member for Southern Metropolitan Region**



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