



# MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

*Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969*

## MSYRG Bulletin: January 2017

MELBOURNE METRO RAIL PROJECT and its impact on South Yarra

MSYRG has spent much time on this issue over December and the  
Christmas/New Year Break

### Here is a Progress Report

Following our AGM and several public meetings run by MMRA, MSYRG had its first meeting with the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA) on 15 December, 2016 MMRA: [2016 12 19 Dec Letter to MMRA letter to Adams-MMRA pdf \(3\).pdf](#)

\* MSYRG then wrote to them on 19 December 2016: [2017 01 MMRA Reply to MSYRG Letter of 19 Dec 2016 17012017172235.pdf](#)

\* MSYRG received a response on 17 January 2017: [2017 01 MSYRG Letter to MMRA AdamsLtr20-1-17\(3\).docx](#)

\* MSYRG then had another meeting on 19 January, 2017 with six people from the MMRA and others which was both positive and useful. MSYRG wrote to MMRA confirming the meeting decisions. In summary the meeting decisions are:

1. MMRA is providing us with plans and other information about:

(a) Truck routes, numbers, movement and frequency;

(b) Anticipated traffic flows and action they will take to minimize the impact on South Yarra;

(c) Plans of the proposed changes following the rerouting of the tram

down Toorak Road West and to the St Kilda Road end of Bromby Street,

2. Following our presentation of an assessment of Albert Road between Kingsway and St Kilda Road as an alternative (and from our point of view preferred ) dumping site for material from the tunneling MMRA are reviewing their analysis of that site and will discuss that with us further.

3. MSYRG informed them that the most URGENT and important issue to be addressed is the way in which they are proposing to change Toorak Road West and in particular the following.

(a) The rerouting of the tram MUST be temporary and when the project is completed the tram MUST be returned to Park Street and Domain Road.

(b) The new tram tracks between Park Street and St Kilda Road must not be elevated and a new “super” tram stop must not be constructed opposite Millswyn Street because the cost of constructing it and then removing it will be so great that the tram will not be returned to its present route.

(c) By constructing it this way there will only be one lane of traffic both ways which will create a severe bottleneck which will drive traffic into the nearby residential streets between Punt Road and St Kilda Road.

MSYRG supports the need for Melbourne to have an excellent public transport system but the impact of the project on South Yarra is unreasonable and must be reduced

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2017 will be a busy year for MSYRG and we seek volunteers in many areas ranging from generally such as letterboxing and specifically such as engineering or legal background and ability to understand documents. If able to help please email MSYRG on [secretary@msyrg.com.au](mailto:secretary@msyrg.com.au) or call Jan Armstrong-Conn, Secretary, on 0412124244

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