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Dr Dennis Jensen MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Petitions  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Jensen

Thank you for your letter dated 2 January 2014 about a petition recently submitted for the consideration of the Standing Committee on Petitions regarding funding for the Hume Freeway interchange in Epping North, Victoria.

The Australian Government has committed almost \$6.5 billion in road and rail infrastructure funding in Victoria under the Infrastructure Investment Programme from 2013-14 to 2018-19 and will continue to work closely with the Victorian Government to determine priorities that will improve transport infrastructure in Victoria.

Any road infrastructure proposals, such as those listed in the petition, must be put forward by the Victorian Government to the Australian Government for any funding contribution. As such, I encourage the Member for Scullin, the Hon Andrew Giles MP, the City of Whittlesea and local residents and businesses to continue to make representations to the Victorian Government seeking funding for this project.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**WARREN TRUSS**