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Mr William Croft  
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**SWAN HILL VIC 3585**

Dear Mr Croft

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Hon. Matthew Guy MLC, Minister for Planning in relation to the proposed replacement Swan Hill Bridge. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

I note your support for the alignment known as Option 9a and your desire to see progress on this project. As you are aware, Amendment C41 to the Swan Hill Planning Scheme applied the Public Acquisition Overlay to the alignment of Option 9a and was gazetted on 2 August 2012, following a rigorous process to determine the location of the proposed replacement bridge.

This included a thorough planning study at significant cost to the Victorian and NSW governments, with extensive community consultation. Option 9a was supported by all key stakeholders and an independent planning panel.

My understanding is that VicRoads does not support further planning to investigate alternative options, although Swan Hill City Council has committed to investigate the planning options available to it. The progress of this project could be influenced by whether Swan Hill Rural City Council reconsiders the opposition to Option 9a as a result of these investigations.

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter please contact Matthew Cameron, Senior Regional Planner, Regional Development Victoria on (03) 5051 2000.

Yours sincerely

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