

6.1 LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS - SCOTCHMANS CREEK TRAIL PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

Submitting Councillor: Dr Josh Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Notes feedback from residents relating to the lighting of the pedestrian tunnel under the Monash Freeway which connects the Scotchmans Creek Trail between Stanley Avenue and Stephenson Road, Mount Waverley;*
- 2. Writes to Department of Transport (DoT) to formally request lighting and pedestrian safety improvements to the pathway through the tunnel.*

BACKGROUND

Sub-clause 8B(1)(d) from the Operational Responsibility for Public Roads Code of Practice under the Road Management Act (RMA) 2004 states that pedestrian underpasses that pass under a freeway and are part of the land declared as a freeway are the responsibility of VicRoads (DoT).

The existing lighting within the underpass is metered as part of the freeway lighting. They are owned and maintained by DoT and Council pays no contribution to the operation, maintenance or replacement of these lights.

There have been several requests from residents to upgrade the path and lighting in the underpass. In November 2017, in response to a resident's request regarding the level of maintenance of the underpass including the lighting, Council officers contacted DoT (VicRoads at the time) to request that they assist in ensuring safety for users and encouraging the ongoing use of this trail by regularly maintaining the area including upgrading the lighting.

DoT responded by cleaning the area however no lighting has been installed.

FINANCIAL

There are no cost implications to Council by writing to DoT.