



7 January 2022

Mr Chris Leivers
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Yarra City Council
PO Box 168
RICHMOND VIC 3121

Dear Mr Leivers

I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed sale of 56m² of road abutting Richmond Station (certificate of title volume 3193 folio 521).

My objection is based on the following four points:

- The council is proposing to sell the land to Victorian Rail Track (VicTrack) for \$600,000 which is \$10,714 per square metre. I understand that VicTrack has a contract to sell the entire site on Stephenson Street for \$14,861 per square metre. This means that Yarra Council has undervalued the sale of the land by \$4,147 per square metre which is a lost opportunity of revenue worth \$232,232.
- It would appear that VicTrack advertised and sold the land on Stephenson Street, which would include the 56m², prior to the Council considering the discontinuance of the road and the sale of the land to VicTrack. This would appear not the correct way to dispose of Crown land.
- There was insufficient public notice given in relation to the proposed sale. The public notice was displayed on one pole in the middle of the carpark area and the period for objections was over the Christmas and New Year period when many people are away and not noticing this type of proposal. I have also been unable to find any information about the proposed discontinuance on the Council's website.
- The notice that was displayed in the carpark on Stephenson Street is given under the direction of Ms Vijaya Vaidyanath who stood down from the Yarra Council in October 2021 and the notice was displayed in late December 2021.

I look forward to being able to discuss this matter in more detail when the Council considers the proposed sale.

I can be contacted on [redacted] or [redacted]

