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Dear Mr Englart

Thank you for your email of 13 August 2018 about the Upfield line. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge your concerns about upgrading the Upfield line and extending cycling and public transport services in the Upfield corridor. I passed your email to Transport for Victoria (TfV) for advice.

As you know, the 2016-17 State Budget committed \$5 million to planning for infrastructure upgrades between Upfield and Somerton to support new services to Wallan. I have asked TfV to consider your feedback as part of this planning, which is still underway.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to increasing the role of cycling in Victoria's transport network. It has established Active Transport Victoria (ATV) and invested in the \$100 million Safer Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund (SCPF), with a total of 47 walking and cycling projects across the State.

In the 2018-19 State Budget, \$3.5 million was allocated from the SCPF for the Upfield Bike Path refurbishment and extension. This will repair the existing path, remove bottlenecks, and improve crossings and lighting. The current path will also be extended, providing an off-road alternative to Sydney Road all the way from the Western Ring Road to Princes Park.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. Your feedback is important to the Andrews Labor Government as we continue to work hard to improve public transport in Victoria.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Member for Bendigo East
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