

# BELFAIRS

## SHEEP, WOOL AND HANDCRAFTS

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Dear Mr Kenyon,

When we moved to Pearcedale in 1978 it was a very peaceful area, now we find, accidentally, that Hastings is to be turned into a Coode Island-Dynon Road-Footscray sort of area with a great deal of damage having to be done to the Westernport Bay and surrounding areas. This is totally unacceptable as this bay is a fish nursery, and although we don't eat too much fish, only on Tuesdays, we find it abhorrent that this type of destruction could be allowed to happen.

Also found out is that a 4 track rail system is to be built from near Officer down to Ballarto Road, along to Berwick-Cranbourne-Clyde Road, over the South Gippsland Highway and down Fisheries Road, left into Baxter-Tooradin Road, then right into Tyabb-Tooradin Road, then via McKirdy's Road into Hastings. This information is taken from your graphic plans; unfortunately, it is not really clear as the words are not the same as the pictures. We feel that it is a case of what we don't really know we can't complain about until we have a man come to the door and tell us to get out quick as a train is about to run through our house. But you probably don't even give a damn!

This is a total nightmare and will deeply have a profound affect on our quality of life. When you addressed the meeting at the Pearcedale Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, you couldn't seem to understand why we are all "concerned". Concerned!!! We're all bloody scared out of our wits. But you probably don't even give a damn!

At the meeting it was made quite clear that we couldn't do anything about this disaster, as an act of parliament would be enacted to enable the destroying influences to proceed.

When asked at the meeting of why we, who would be affected, weren't told about this destruction earlier, it was explained that it would have been impossible to notify all those along the proposed routes. Why? If the water or electricity companies can warn us of a temporary break in service, which does happen, not too frequently, of something that will cause just a little inconvenience for a couple of hours, why, oh why couldn't we be warned of something that is going to drastically change our lives for the worse for ever? But you probably don't even give a damn!

Because of the money involved, we don't think anyone will help us. Information you are posting on the internet has some sort of virus, presumably so that this information cannot be passed from one person to another. It won't even allow people to print it out. Even your disk played up seriously when we tried to print information from it. But you probably don't even give a damn!

Many people are being told that your destruction is going through vacant land. They are not being told that it is not really vacant, but mostly valuable farmland and properties that is going to be totally destroyed. But you probably don't even give a damn!

I'm not going to even touch on the death and destruction you will be doing to the wildlife along the affected area. We are now more interested in saving our own lives. Children can always see a stuffed New Holland Hopping mouse in the museum alongside the Thylacine. But you probably don't even give a damn!

One of our group members managed to get some information from the internet yesterday, and was totally devastated when she found out that something horrid is planned for her area. On page 79 on your web site it mentions the word "Social" in an area bounded by Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Dandenong-Hastings Road, Baxter-Tooradin Road and Centre Road. (Refer Melways 136). What the bloody hell does this word mean? My railway enthusiast Husband and Son can't even forward an explanation to this word. Have you used a fancy word for "Sidings"? There are some magnificent properties in this area, horse studs, convention centres etc. But you probably don't even give a damn!

Have you really "walked the course" in any of these areas marked for destruction? I first thought that this terror would only affect 1,000's, then looking further along the proposed rail via Fisheries Road, realised that it would affect 10,000's of people. Now with this updated web site, the infection will reach 100,000's of people. But you probably don't even give a damn!

Have you actually viewed the properties that will be damaged beyond repair? Have you taken into account how much it will cost these people to have to shift to another place? But you probably don't even give a damn!

Using our local newspaper we have worked out that it would cost us something in the vicinity of \$800,000 to move from here.

That includes: –

A 10 acres farm with a 4 bedroomed house on it, this property is 14.5 acres.	\$692,000
The re-location of my Son's re-locatable "Sonny-flat".	\$ 35,000
The erection of Stock-tight external fencing to keep our sheep well enclosed	\$ 14,000
The internal ewe and lamb fencing to keep the rams out of the ewes.	\$ 12,000
The destruction and disposal of the third of the flock we cannot take with us.	\$ 900
The transportation of the remaining flock.	\$ 600
The building of sheep, lambing and poultry sheds, tool sheds, greenhouses etc.	\$ 31,500
The building of my son's aviaries.	\$ 10,500
The building of my ponds for my very special fish.	\$ 1,250
The transportation of our bee hives.	\$ 600
The transportation of our house contents.	\$ 1,200
Other general costs - change of address letters, telephone numbers etc.	\$ 130
	<b><u>\$799,680</u></b>

Before we could move from here, we would have to be paid  
Any change would be paid back to you as we are very honest people.

You would have to find us a place in a similar situation as we are now, close to a corner on a major road, where my sister's wool shop will still get customers coming in. The move shouldn't cost us a cent, we should just be able to get into our cars and drive to where you have organised and moved all of our belongings, household, livestock and equipment. We have 2,500 to 3,000 International visitors come to see our rare Mouflon patterned Corriedales and see the smallest wool shop in the world,

We know that would never happen. You tell us that we would get a reasonable compensation at the time of the compulsory acquisition. Right now we pay rates on \$498,000, the couple of years before it was \$508,000. So, is this what will happen, lose \$10-20,000 per year and the compensation won't be as much, leaving us with just enough to perhaps buy a two-bedroomed weatherboard in Seaford somewhere. All of our animals, sheep, poultry, fish, parrots and our beloved dogs would have to be destroyed. We couldn't live like that. But you probably don't even give a damn!

I am a heart-lung patient and since 1996 I've managed to get up to almost filling the 3rd volume at the Frankston Hospital. One year I was in the emergency department about 13 times. Some mornings we have here, what the experts call, an inverted weather condition. This is where the pressure is very heavy and the fumes from the diesel trucks haven't yet been swept up and away. When that happens I am not allowed to leave the house until the fumes have cleared and sometimes this is not until 12 noon. And you want to add another couple of thousand diesel trucks and lots of double and triple headed diesel trains to this corner. I will never be allowed to leave the house and will have to return to using my nebs every 1-2 hours again.

I enclose my current medication list along with a letter from my doctor to show you my health problems. But you probably don't even give a damn!

Also enclosed is a copy of a photograph from one of our local papers articles writing of how I used to help people caught in serious accidents at the corner of Baxter-Tooradin and Tyabb-Tooradin Roads. It was attending these accidents that caused the serious damage to my lungs, which in turn had a devastating effect on my heart. The arthritis I was born with, and the diabetes I developed after I couldn't exercise anymore because of the acquired ailments. I don't know where the Trigeminal Neuralgia came from. But you probably don't even give a damn!

I find myself these days actually begrudging any help given by me at those road accidents. It is going to be very interesting at this corner now once all of these extra trucks are on the roads. At least there will be more organs available for transplants, but, unless you have some loved one waiting for a transplant, you probably don't even give a damn! Perhaps a small "hospital" with an organ retrieval team should be stationed here.

At that meeting on the 13th, we were constantly being told that this destruction is a good thing and a benefit to the community. We are quite sure that probably this would have been the same thing told to the Palestinians when they had to leave their homes and farms to accommodate the whims of the European Jews when given the lands that they now occupy. Although we are hoping that the same methods of removal won't be the same as that used on the Palestinian people. At least the Palestinians were given buildings in which to live, we will probably get nothing.

Also at that meeting, when asked a question about toxic and noxious wastes being carried on train or truck, there was a lot of huddling and whispering by those of you addressing us. There were a lot of red-faced people turning to face us and blurting out, very feebly, the word "NO". I don't think that we were even supposed to have knowledge of the inland port being built at Lyndhurst, even though the land acquisition is already in progress. We have friends who have just 12 months to vacate their rented property who already know of this. You, who would destroy us, also went extremely pale when asked about where the nuclear power station will be – on French Island? We were left with the feeling that you terrorists were really shocked that we, your victims, actually knew a lot more than you realised.

With something happening around at Lang Lang, is the whole of the Westernport Bay from Crib Point to Corinella going to be one huge noxious industrial

“estate”? How far inland will this industrial estate be? Perhaps just to the Frankston-Flinders Road, perhaps all the way to the Moodooduc Highway, doubt though, that it will get to the Nepean Highway, too much money over that side. But you probably don't even give a damn!

Also, on the Map on page 7 in your propaganda book, you show areas up to South Boundary Road as being for a buffer zone. I realise that this is for disease control should you let something out, so does this mean that no farming can continue in such marked areas?

Our greatest fears would have to be Varroa and AFB. Australia is the only country in the world that does not have Varroa. It will come much quicker now that you will open a huge port in a farming community. Sheep, cattle, poultry, etc can be contained behind fences, keeping them well away from your buffer zones. Bees, however, cannot be contained, these littlest of all livestock can say to their owners, “Sod you, we're leaving.”

Our girls can travel up to 5km radius from their hives. Right, we are more than 5km from Hastings, but all bees can travel up to 5km from their hives. Our bees will mingle with other bees whose hives can be up to 9km from our hives and so on and so forth.

New Zealand is at this moment in time fighting this terrible Varroa.

**Possible scenario.** A container is sitting on a dock in, say New Zealand. Whilst in this dock in New Zealand, a very small swarm, say about 2,000 workers and their queen have taken shelter overnight in a container, and just before daylight this container is packed and loaded onto a boat for Australia.

Now, a swarm of 2,000 bees is extremely small indeed, most swarms being about 10-20,000 individuals. This micro swarm will not even be noticed as they will take up an area half the size of an ordinary household light globe. You won't even notice them as not all bees are striped black and gold like the pure *Apis mellifera var ligustica Spinola*. Some are hybrids between the previous variety and *Apis mellifera var carnica*. These bees can be almost black with only about 25% of the hive being almost the same as *ligustica*.

Yes, you probably do spray containers upon opening them, but only one worker bee has to escape with Varroa on her body, and go to the nearest tree bearing blossom with nectar and pollen. She will mingle with bees that eventually mingle with other bees that eventually mingle with our bees, and we at Belfairs, well, we will have to have our hives destroyed.

This horrid Varroa doesn't kill adult field and nursery bees, but they totally destroy any larvæ and pupæ they can reach. Worker bees live for about six weeks, so with no new workers emerging, the hive will be totally dead in 12 weeks, assuming that some 50% of the pupæ are too old to be affected with the Varroa.

Right, I hear you say, “If I don't care about the welfare of 100,000's of people being displaced, why I, who will not be affected in any way, am going to give any thought for the deaths of a few bugs.” We already know that you probably don't even give a damn.

With no bees, this country will fail with 20,000,000 Australian people facing the terrors of starvation. Without the bee, fruit crops, and all vegetables that have developed from a flower cannot exist. The bee herself, who actually originated from the wasp, didn't become a bee until the first very simple flower evolved. Then the flowers flourished because of this wonderful creature decided that nectar was much nicer than

rotting flesh. After the bee, came all those who could live on plant material, other than grasses.

Yes, of course you can survive on your root crops. But, don't forget, those carrots seeds you or your family just planted came from the carrot flower, which was fertilized by the actions of a bee living within 5 km of your house. Of course, we do have native bees, but they will already be dead from Varroa.

My sister Margaret, who got terribly upset and suffered a severe angina attack after finishing with you the other day has just rang me from her work to tell me that she couldn't even get into your web site where it shows the destruction of the area I wrote earlier in this letter. She did however find that you have posted a notice about the meeting at Cranbourne. So, hopefully, a lot of people have woken up this morning and have said to themselves, "I wonder what is happening in Westernport Bay this morning?"

You **MUST** have a full page advertisement in all of the local Cranbourne, Hastings, Lyndhurst, Langwarrin, Frankston, Hampton Park and Narre Warren Newspapers about this meeting. It has to be in large red letters to alert people to that something nasty is about to happen to them.

On Saturday, we had an elderly lady almost fainting when we showed her, from your book, what areas you told my sister that was going to have to be destroyed. She hadn't known before and was inconsolable when she realised that she would have to be moved, probably by force, from her home of some 60 years. But you probably don't even give a damn!

The only really bright thing this Monday morning with the birds singing, the little New Holland Hopping Mice hunting amongst the front garden for their little treats and our bees busy collecting nectar and pollen is the great news that your very first victim is Rosie Buchanan, who, because voters found out in time of her deceit, failed to gain enough votes to get in. Her loss would have been far greater if these secrets had been let out earlier.

It is a great pity that the people of Cranbourne, Hampton Park and Lyndhurst weren't allowed to be informed of what is about to happen to them, because a certain Jude Perera would have lost his seat as well.

I now can fully understand why the State Government of Victoria didn't want anyone to know about the terrifying events that are to happen before the State Election. The 25% reduced majority that Bracks managed to get would have been far greater and probably could have led to his downfall.

All of these problems could have been avoided if the powers that be, told these ship builders that no, don't build them any bigger, as we have no land to cater for them. Instead, more houses and farms are destroyed each time you and your bosses allowed the ships to get bigger and bigger.

Basically, it isn't our fault at all, but we are the ones who are going to get severely punished and our lives totally destroyed. It just isn't fair; we have done nothing wrong to you or the government of the day. None of us in WAG have ever done anything to rock the boat; we are law abiding citizens who are being treated far worse than the worse criminal imaginable. The likes of Denyer and Bryant have rights, we, it seems, will lose everything. It just isn't fair so a few people can make a dollar.

## OUR SUMMARY

1. We believe that it was never intended for anyone affected by the disaster, to find out before the election. The reactions to those running that meeting said it all.
2. We believe there are still moves to prevent those who will be affected to finding out until it is far too late.
3. We believe that no land or house owner has been told of your wicked plans for them; most we have spoken to have found out by accident as we did. When asked by my sister on how those in Cranbourne and beyond are going to find out, you were quite unbelievable when you answered that they can also find out by accident.
4. We believe that once properties have been wrenched from owners that they will just be left to their own devices, and could end up living in cramped displaced persons camps.
5. We know that property owners are already being approached to sell their farms. A friend who rents in Lyndhurst, where the inland port is to be, has just been given 12 months to find another place, as the farm has already been sold.
6. We know that the owners of properties on the corner of the Westernport Highway and Bungower Road have already been approached by Linfox, and it has to be assumed this will be for their "inland port". What a mess you are going to create.
7. We believe that no extra jobs will be created, as you have not spoken/written about this at all. There will, however, be a great loss of jobs in this and other areas affected, as the closed market gardens will not need their field workers.
8. We believe that there will be no net gain for the shopping centre at Hastings, as all of us who use Hastings as our local shopping centre will not be wanting to risk our lives amongst the trucks that will be, in our case, on the Tyabb-Tooradin Road or the Westernport Highway.
9. We know that just this afternoon, a truck turning from Tyabb-Tooradin Road, right into Baxter-Tooradin Road almost turned over. The noise was terrible and caused a young TB gelding to actually crash into his paddock shelter. He was down for about two hours before managing to get to his feet again. Right, our sheep are, at the top of their range are only worth \$600 each, but this little yearling, well who knows, you've read the huge amounts of money paid for race-horses. This was only a light truck, not one of your 3,410 semi-trailers with a trailer attached, which could have been disastrous.
10. We know that there are many accidents, some taking 18 hours to fix when these large tankers and trucks take roundabouts at 120km/h. We've recently just had one, with still the smell of petrol in the soil surrounding the roundabout.
11. We know that had that petrol tanker exploded, our windows would have been taken out, and we are about 3.4 km from that intersection. The same thing just 120 meters, our home would probably fall down. This house is designed to take 200% of the power of Cyclone Tracy.
12. We know that as Margaret was slowing down to take the corner at the Westernport Highway and Baxter-Tooradin Road that a semi with trailer almost crashed into her because the driver didn't want to slow to the 40km/h that he was supposed to.
13. We know that trucks do not like to give way on roundabouts, and you want to add another couple of thousand per day.

14. We believe that many people, especially the aged could end up taking their own lives, and many could suffer severe heart-attacks leading to yet more deaths. Any death caused by you and your associates will, in our minds, be attributed to you. The stress is already having a severe one on me and I'm getting angina pains 6 to 9 times a day now. A month ago I only had one every 3-4 months.
15. We know that our leaders have told us to be on the look out for terrorist activity. Never did we dream that this terror would come from our own governments.
16. We believe that those people/companies with interests in the path of the destruction are not telling their prospective customers what is happening.
17. We believe people are being allowed to build new homes in the Hunt Club Estate and not being told about the new rail system.
18. We believe those retirees who are planning to move to the retirement village in Cranbourne (I think that it is called "Blue Hills" or something like that) and backing onto the disused railway line are not being told of what will be happening.
19. We believe that the move towards this destruction was taken by the State Labor Government with the aim of having no ports, other than cruise ships, in Melbourne, and that the then vacant land will be used to build yet more of those ugly flats that now exist in Docklands.
20. We believe that Coode Island **will** be moved to Westernport Bay. Nothing that you say will convince us otherwise, as it is already a known fact that, since the fire years ago, the Government wants this well out of the way of any new flats.
21. We believe a desalination plant, which will be built by another consortium, as outlined by Labor's Mr John Thwaites on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, will be somewhere in Westernport Bay, probably Hastings, and will destroy what is left of the marine and coastal life.
22. We believe that once the Bay, French Island, Quail Island and Philip Island are totally destroyed, yet another consortium will build a Nuclear Power Plant either on French Island, or somewhere near Grantville.
23. We believe that our local council, who have never been interested in those of us in their south, knew about the destruction 18 months ago, and that it was kept secret by the C.E.O. and his Labor friends.
24. We believe that our local councillor, Mr Colin Butler did not know of the plans.
25. We believe that the Baxter-Tooradin Road, which is at the present time a major road over Tyabb-Tooradin Road, will have to yield to the Tyabb-Tooradin Road, creating a nightmare with at least one serious crash each week. (Could be as much as one crash per hour.)
26. We know that any deaths at this intersection after the change will, in our minds, be attributed to you personally.
27. We believe that the incidences of vehicles coming round that bend just east of this intersection and crashing into the corner property, presently owned by Mr John Turk, will increase to at least one huge truck per week, even though the bend will probably now favour the presently 'minor' road after the intersection is re-aligned.
28. We believe that no one has bothered to tell you that the Hastings/Westernport Bay site lies across three fault lines and those very small, very minor tremors happen very frequently.

29. We believe that no one has told you that most of your plans, especially within the Pearcedale/Tyabb/Devon Meadows areas lie on top of shifting sands.
30. We have seen rubbish that Mr Condick, the previous owner of this farm, buried coming to the surface some 30 years after, because of the shifting sands.
31. We have seen sheep we buried about 12 years ago coming to the surface up to 12 metres from where they were buried, because of the shifting sands.
32. We have seen the property to our north slowly get lower. What was once reminiscent of the barley field opposite "Memories", a 600 years old cottage on the Wantage Road, Berkshire, England, now almost flat in comparison, yes, because of these shifting sands.
33. We have seen new road repairs on the Dandenong-Hastings Road fall from the side of the road because of the shifting sands.
34. We have seen our main paddock, which used to slope gradually away from the house yard to our boundary fence, get quite a dip in it, making the centre of that main paddock the lowest part of our property, again , because of the shifting sands.
35. We know that on 10-12 occasions we have had flood water from the intersection to half way up our 60 meter driveway across the whole of the front of the property. Pelicans can land and swim on it. The water floods the complete back western corner of the property, taking the same amount of land of our western neighbour and all but the house area of our southern neighbour. This flood, the worst was 1983, took almost 4 weeks to clear.
36. We believe that your railway will prevent this water getting into the Bay and will cause terrible damage to our property. We don't think that you will think yourselves liable, and we will have to foot the bill for the damage and deaths.
37. We know that we get approximately 3,000 international and interstate visitors each year. And they will probably not want to come once they find out that we will more than likely be in the middle of a great huge ugly industrial area.
38. We believe that these approximately 3,000 international and interstate visitors will not want to go to Hastings or even Phillip Island as most can see huge ugly power stations, docks and factories in their own lands.
39. We believe that some expansion of Docklands, sorry, Hastings will have to happen.  

If you have to go ahead and have this bloody port,
40. We believe that you should retain the number of boats coming in now, and that just one wharf should be built to cater for just one container ship at a time. Anything more than this should be sent to Melbourne, which, because our forebears were a lot more intelligent than the powers that be are today, placed the capital more or less in the centre of the Victoria Coastline, making it far simpler to transport goods around the state.
41. We believe that the existing railway system should be enough with just one extra track added from the wharf to Frankston.
42. We believe that most of the rail traffic will be going through to Melbourne, creating havoc for all of those passenger trains on both the Frankston and Dandenong lines. What a nightmare for the train lines once they both reach Caulfield!

43. We believe that trains double stacked will not fit under the “progress” at the Jolimont Yards, or the many power lines they will have to negotiate.
44. We believe that the whole thing will be a total disaster, with no thought for those people who will be seriously affected.
45. We believe that there is not enough farmland in this area to cater for those who will be moved, could be at gun point, as I’m feeling more like a Palestinian every day.
46. We believed that we lived in a free country so much different from Russia, and most importantly of all,
47. We believe that you probably don’t even give a damn!

We cannot possibly remain,

Yours faithfully,

Frances B Royle (Mrs)

Per pro the rest of the partners

P.S. It is now late in the day and I have just received a reply from Mr Greg Hunt with a copy of your answer to our “concerns”. There are a lot of words, but really, nowhere in that letter is any answer at all regarding our main fears of what is going to happen to us personally. You really don’t give a damn, do you?

P.P.S. After getting someone to get onto the web site mentioned in your letter and getting them to fax us the results, we realise now our fears are worse than we ever thought. You can give us a 7 day notice to get out within 90 days. If we are very lucky we might just get enough to set my son up in a unit somewhere. But there seems to be provision that you don’t even have to pay any compensation at all. There seems to be no end to this terror you are causing.

The word **VACANT**

vacant [váykənt]

adj

1. without an occupant: having no occupant or contents  
There were several vacant seats on the bus.
2. unoccupied by an incumbent or official: not occupied by an incumbent, official, or possessor
3. lacking expression: showing no signs of thought, intelligence, or expression  
a vacant stare
4. free from activity: free from activity, business, or work  
a vacant afternoon

[13th century. Via Old French from the present participle stem of Latin vacare (see vacate). It almost disappeared by 1400 but was reintroduced from Latin in the 16th century.]

-vacantly, adv

-vacantness, n

Word Key: Synonyms

vacant, unoccupied, empty, void,

**CORE MEANING:** lacking contents or occupants.

vacant describes a house or room that has no occupants, often temporarily; unoccupied describes a building that has no one in it, especially when this has been the case for quite some time; empty describes something such as a container that has no contents or something such as a room that has no occupants; void a formal or literary word that emphasizes that something is completely empty.

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