



Hobsons Bay

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Dear Ms Nikolovska

ALTONA MEADOWS MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Thank you for your email to Cr Luba Grigorovitch dated 26 March 2010. Please find comments below:

Damaged /Missing Trees

The Council spends approx \$260,000 per year on tree planting each year and has over the last two years been block planting in Altona Meadows with infill and replacement planting across the municipality. Some 250 requests are received each year for infill planting and Council has to prioritise these based on available funding and a restricted window (June to September) for planting advanced tree stock. Given the number of requests and the above constraints the cycle for replacement is approximately two years.

Newland Street Exit from the Princes Freeway

The litter issue is not restricted to the Newland Street exit and the Council has ongoing dialog with VicRoads on a range of issues including litter on all freeway ramps. Design work has not yet been completed and therefore costing of works not determined. When design and costing of the project has been completed it will be referred to the 5 year capital works program for consideration.

Carlsson Reserve

The inspections carried out to date show there is very little loose litter in the playground and the reserve in general and a bin is not warranted. It is not feasible to install a bin in every reserve, in particular local parks and the take in, take out principle adopted by Parks Victoria in many of their parks is encouraged. Regular inspections of the reserves are undertaken and litter picked up as required.

Yours faithfully

Phillip McDonald
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