

18th October 2016.

The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP,
Premier of Victoria,
Office of the Premier,
1 Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3002.

The Hon. James Merlino MP,
Minister for Education,
Ministerial Office,
Level 3, 1 Treasury Place,
EAST MELBOURNE. VIC. 3002.

URGENT

Dear Premier and Minister,

There has been a major uplift in community concern in the Beaumaris/Bayside/Kingston regions regarding reports that approximately 87 established eucalyptus and other trees will be cut down next Monday.

There is strong community interest and support in seeing reinvestment in the school site. However, there is a rising tide of protest at the lack of information and lack of awareness regarding the proposed tree removal works.

It is important that community understanding be strengthened regarding the proposed works as well as trying to ensure that every significant tree is preserved as possible.

On a constructive basis I invite the Minister for Education or his delegates to attend a meeting on the Beaumaris school site (Balcombe Rd entrance) on Thursday 20 October 2016 at 5:30 pm with members and representatives of the local community to outline and discuss relevant arborist reports, landscape plans, requirement for tree removal and replanting options for the site and related issues prior to the chainsaws starting.

I would be happy to discuss arrangements to help ensure that effective community consultation can take place.

My mobile number is 0409 335760.

Yours faithfully,

Murray Thompson MP
Member for Sandringham

c/c Beaumaris Community Stakeholders