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Boroondara Commuter Car Park rorts still worrying residents

The Independent Candidate for Kooyong Dr Monique Ryan has commended the Boroondara Council for now ensuring locals have a say in the building of new car parks near the Camberwell, Canterbury and Glenferrie train stations.

“Making sure there are public consultations on new car parks means there won’t be a repeat of the Car Porks Rort which the Federal Coalition, and local member Josh Frydenberg tried to get away with in 2019,” Dr Ryan said.

“Mr Frydenberg announced the car parks locations with a promise of funding from the Commonwealth government’s Urban Congestion Fund. But that promise was made without consulting the local community.

“As we now know the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) issued a damning report which found that the process for selecting the locations was not appropriate or designed to be open or transparent, and it concluded the projects were not selected on merit.

“The Car Park Rorts – Car Porks – are just another example of the Morrison government’s shameless attempts to shore up support through pork barrelling. This morning I met Kooyong residents who live near where some of the Car Porks would have been built, and are unhappy with the whole process.

“They, like many Kooyong residents are telling me that they are thinking much more about the future of work, the importance of local shopping precincts, safe spaces for pedestrians and cyclists, and making our local communities beautiful places to live.

“While I welcome the Council’s commitment to consulting the community on the proposed car parks, it’s a shame that Josh Frydenberg did not consult the Council or the local community on whether these car parks were needed or wanted.

There is great value in creating community spaces that promote our unique neighbourhoods, heritage buildings, local shops, and parks and green spaces. Consistent with its own Boroondara Community Plan, I would urge the Council to put its ‘Placemaking Strategy’ at the centre of its considerations about the future of these car parks,” Dr Ryan concluded. **ENDS**

Please find attached images of Dr Monique Ryan meeting with a local resident in Kooyong

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