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Kooyong commuter Car Park backdown a victory for local opponents

The Independent Candidate for Kooyong Dr Monique Ryan has congratulated the people of the electorate who were opposed to the car park rorts being pushed by the federal government.

Local member and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has written to electorate members to confirm that the four commuter car parks worth \$65 million dollars, promised in 2019, will not be built, saying the decision comes after feedback received during community consultations.

“I want to commend the Kooyong residents who made it clear to Mr Frydenberg that they didn’t want the car parks in their electorate,” Dr Ryan said.

“The election promise for them was made without consulting the local community, and as we 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. It concluded the projects were not selected on merit.

“The rorts, or Car Porks – were just another example of the Morrison government’s shameless attempts to shore up support through pork barrelling. Now, the local community, finally given its voice through the council consultations, has forced a backdown.

“I welcome the decision, but in reality, the promise should not have been made in the first place,” Dr Ryan concluded.

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