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Dear Cr Laurence

I am writing to provide you with an update about funding for the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal project.

As you are aware the 2009-10 Budget announced funding for two new Neighbourhood Renewal projects and funding to extend a number of existing renewal projects to operate for six years instead of the expected eight years.

I recognise that this announcement has caused considerable concern among residents and other local stakeholders in the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal project.

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to advise you that funding for the remaining two years (2011-12 and 2012-13) of Neighbourhood Renewal in East Reservoir has been secured.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this uncertain time. I anticipate that this decision will enable the Steering Committee, residents and other stakeholders in the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal project to continue to work in partnership with the Victorian Government, confident in the knowledge that the project will continue for the full eight years.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the many ways the Steering Committee has contributed to tackling disadvantage in the East Reservoir community to make it a great place for people to live and work.

Yours Sincerely


RICHARD WYNNE MP
Minister for Housing
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