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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Moreland Councils recent decision regarding the Video Ezy site, 815 Nicholson St, Brunswick.

Yarra Bicycle Users Group is contacting Moreland Council in regards to the Video Ezy site. This building is on Crown land managed by the Moreland Council and is part of the Inner Circle Railway Linear Park Reserve.

YarraBUG made the following points in our November 2004 submission to the City of Yarra's Linear Park plan, please refer to page three:

YarraBUG Submission to City of Yarra's Linear Reserve Management Plan:  
<http://www.yarrabug.org/wp-content/YarraBUGLinearParkSubmissionNov04.pdf>

" .. "Dog leg along footpath onto shared pathway - comment - remove at least one car park spot to re-align corner. Or figure out what's happening with the lease for Video Ezy .. "

YarraBUG are far from pleased that Moreland council has acted against both City of Yarra & YarraBUG's recommendations in CoY's Linear Park Master plan, and that this decision will impinge upon ALL path users.

The City of Yarra has previously conducted significant community consultations and has acted upon these recommendations to improve the Linear Park Reserve.

Moreland Councils recent decision to "investigate the feasibility of using the building for a bicycle store, café or similar use" is holding back the completion of these improvements.

The City of Yarra's October 2006 meeting saw the Councils official decision to adopt this Master plan with unanimous support for demolition of the Video Ezy site and its future use as open space.

As noted by comments and photos in YarraBUG's November 2004 submission, the shared path currently has to go around the (now vacant) building, which creates two problematic right angle turns and also limits visibility.

During morning and afternoon peak commuting times, the path is extremely busy and path users have informed us there have been near misses and several accidents. This unsatisfactory situation can be easily rectified when the path is suitably re-aligned.

YarraBUG calls upon Moreland Council to honour its obligations to demolish and redevelop the Video Ezy site in keeping with the City of Yarra's and the local communities recommendations.

As Co-convenor of Yarra Bicycle Users Group, I also extend an open invitation to all Moreland Council councillors to a personal site visit of this area during morning and afternoon peak cycling commute times, so they can observe at firsthand the issues that shared path users have to encounter.

YarraBUG will continue to campaign in the longterm with our local community for this issue to be resolved.

Yours faithfully,

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