

Dear Brian,

Thank you for your letter. I am concerned that Hepburn Council is unaware of the Liberal Party's position on the WRLP, as it has been our public position since 2021. I have attended multiple community meetings and put this position where councillors Drylie and Henderson have been present.

In summary, unlike Labor, an elected Liberal Government will not put a terminal station at Mt Prospect or anywhere in the Hepburn or Ballarat region. Instead, we will upgrade the existing terminal station at Bulgana, thereby unlocking an additional 1,800 MW of energy from wind and solar from the Wimmera and Southern Mallee. VNI West would also terminate at Bulgana.

We will re-route the line south from Bulgana to Mortlake terminal station and from there to Lara and Sydenham. Wherever possible, this route utilises existing easements that already host transmission lines. It also traverses broadacre farming country that can coexist with transmission lines, unlike potato farms that cannot.

Further details are available at <https://vlbr.al/libwvntp>.

I note you asked for the Liberal Party's position, and I have provided it. I trust you will make the same requirement for other political party candidates as opposed to their personal views that may not be the same as what their party will build in government.

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