

Preserve the wetlands

IN RESPONSE to the 'Heritage drive revs up' (*Heidelberg Leader*, February 10) article and the letters of February 24 in reply to it, a real tunnel vision and out-of-sight-out-of-mind attitude seems to have settled over some people to the proposed freeway tunnel.

Banyule Flats and Warringal Wetlands should be preserved for future generations, not plundered for a freeway link to serve our selfish and short-sighted needs to solve the traffic problems.

These projects all have an unacceptable environmental outcome, with loss of public land and ventilation stacks that scar and

pollute the landscape. Melbourne's liveability depends on its parks, green corridors and wetlands, for they are our breathing spaces and if you damage them it could shorten your life in the long run, not just your car trip.

Car-share, take a bus or train, ride a bike and keep putting pressure on the State Government to provide us with a much better public transport options.

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