

Royal Park Protection Group Inc.

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COMMUNITY & BUSINESS PROTEST AT TOWN HALL OVER TUNNELS

Inner Melbourne community and business groups will converge on Melbourne Town hall at 6 pm tonight to protest over Lord Mayor John So and Councillors weak position on the East West Link Road Tunnels.

Former Lord Mayor and Councillor Kevin Chamberlin said today: *“Council has completely sold out the people of Melbourne over the East-West Link Link road tunnel proposals. Construction of road tunnels is an antiquated solution to a very modern problem. With unleaded petrol approaching \$2 per litre the viability of the tunnel solution to traffic problems is questionable.”*

Julianne Bell, Convenor of the Royal Park Protection Group, commented: *“By adopting a weak position on Eddington’s East-West Link, Lord Mayor John So and Councillors show they are prepared to appease the State Government and sacrifice Melbourne’s valuable parkland just to stay in Office. Council proposed initially an even bigger tunnel. Our group is dismayed at the certain destruction of Royal Park if the tunnel proposal is executed.”*

Groups will call on the Council Planning Committee tonight to reject the State and Federal Government’s proposal for road tunnels and to rethink solutions to traffic congestion in the City of Melbourne.

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