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What organisation are you from?
Private citizen

What do you think are the best value actions listed in the statement that are likely to help improve future air quality?
-All recommendations that strengthen the powers of the EPA.-Using the planning system to encourage thedevelopment of walkable neighbourhoods todecrease the dependence of communities onmotor vehicles.-Establishing an 'exemplar industry' program topromote and recognise best practice in businessand industrial air quality management.

How would you build on or vary these actions?
With regards to reducing dependency on motor vehicles- I believe to truly make this a reality, there needs to be far greater investment in public transport. 'Walkable neighbourhoods' are great, but taking short trips via public transport between local suburbs or to key services could also be made far more efficient. -There should be a far great consequences for industries that fail to meet air quality and environmental standards in their practice.

Do you have any suggestions for further actions?
-Development of a user-friendly app to report air pollution quickly and track the EPA's response far more efficiently.

Are there any air quality actions you believe should be avoided? Why?

Are there particular areas of air quality (either pollution sources or geographic regions) you think the government should target for improvement? Why?
My greatest concern is that there has be no link made between this air quality strategy and the development of major road projects. As a resident of Brooklyn/Altona North, I am keenly aware that the new tunnel and expansion of the freeway is going to make our air quality WORSE (which is significant since we are already one of suburbs in Victoria with the worst air quality to start with). This was a key finding in the Environment Effects Statement of the WGT project. The increase in heavy truck traffic is going to have the most detrimental effect and pose a very significant risk to the health of the local communities- which includes well-established schools and child care centres. If the government is indeed committed to improving air quality, and in particular areas that are already highly polluted (such as Brooklyn), this issue must be considered alongside any discussion about improving air quality. Addressing truck traffic in the area (especially Millers Road) cannot be ignored. It won't matter how much work is put into improving the EPA, industrial standards and community engagement if 4000 extra trucks are passing through each day.

Are you able to provide any data or information that will help government assess the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of air quality management actions?

Do you have other suggestions on how to secure a clean air future?
Ensure that the air quality strategy is linked to major infrastructure planning.