8th June, 1937.

The Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
CAULFIELD, S.E.8.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 13th May, asking that the Board should consider the extension of tram services along Darling Road and Koornang Road to connect with the Carnegie tram route. This matter has been investigated by the Board's Officers, whose report was considered at a recent meeting.

I was directed to inform you, however, that it is considered doubtful if the demand for cross-town tramway facilities in this district is sufficient to warrant the capital outlay in connection therewith, and, having regard to the fact that the district is served by the Darling Road and Carnegie tram services, the railway, and by bus route No.25A, it is thought that the extension of the Darling Road tramway in the manner suggested is not at present justified.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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# OF THE DARLING ROAD TRAM ALONG DARLING AND KOORNANG ROADS TO THE CARNEGIE TRAM SERMINUS.

This extension would be 1.15 miles in length. Darling and Koornang Roads are wide, well-settled streets and from Carnegie Railway Station to the tramway terminus there is a considerable shopping area, but the district is well served by the Darling Road and Carnegie tram services as well as the railway to Carnegie Railway Station, also by Bus Route No. 25A, and it is very doubtful if the demand for a cross-town route is sufficient to warrant the expense of making same. Should the extension be made, another fare section would be required.

The following estimates have been prepared of the cost of constructing and operating the route:-

#### CAPITAL COST:

1.15 miles double track (macadam) @ £25,000 per mile £ 28,250
1.15 " overhead and feeders @ £2,400 ... £ 2,760
1 Crossover
1 Bogie car, with proportionate Depot costs ... £ 4,090
£ 36,000

#### STANDING CHARGES:

Interest and Sinking Fund - 51% Depreciation - 41%

10% on £36,000 .. £

### ESTIMATED SERVICE:

Schedule speed - 12.54 miles per hour.
Round trip time, including 2 minutes' standing time - 13 minutes.

Darling Road service extended to make 10 minutes' headway.

Car miles per annum - 87,547.

#### OPERATING EXPENSES:

87,547 miles at stripped cost 10.8d. per mile

£ 3,940

3,600

STANDING CHARGES - see above

€ 3,600

TOTAL ANNUAL CHARGES: £

No estimate has been prepared of the revenue that might be expected. To obtain same, it would be necessary to make a comprehensive traffic survey and check along the route, but, as has been stated previously, it is doubtful if the demand for a cross-town route in this district, which is already well served, would justify the expenditure. There is at present a bus service operating from Gardiner via Lower Malvern Road, Darling Road, Koornang Road and North Road to East Boundary Road. (Bus Route No. 25A). 3 buses are run on a 30 minutes' headway.

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