

**This State election is a rare chance for inner-city voters to show that we want a fix for the public transport crisis.**

Good public transport means many things for all of us who live in the inner city. It is essential for a safer, happier and more prosperous city.

In this election, look carefully at the policies of all the candidates.

Congestion and delays are now normal in Melbourne. The huge economic, health and environmental costs will only get worse with increasing population.

More frequent, faster and better-connected public transport is a vital part of the solution.



# Melbourne's public transport is in **CRISIS**



*Train Congestion*

**USE YOUR VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



- Cancellations
- Poor connections
- Crowding
- Trams stuck in traffic

**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**  
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You just can't rely on today's public transport.

In the State election on the 27th November, your vote can help to:

- end privatisation and incompetent planning
- put public transport first

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*Crush load onboard*

## We need to put public transport first

Public transport will never succeed while our planners and politicians continue to let Vicroads and the road lobby set the agenda.

Freeways just create traffic. But, the government is already making congestion worse with new lanes on City Link and the Western Ring Road.

You have seen the plans for all the new roads: there's 'Westlink' into Footscray – and the tunnel to Collingwood; there's the 'Northeast Link' from Greensborough; and there's talk of widening Hoddle St. All these roads will pour more cars and trucks into our suburbs. Inevitably more of the streets where we live and work will become traffic sewers.

## Why we need great public transport

More people than ever want to live and work in the inner city – new apartments are going up all over the place. But, if we don't have a great alternative to the car, our city will just grind to a halt under the pressure of all this growth.

## Why public transport is failing

Privatisation means paying millions more for a system plagued by cancellations and crowding. The operators cut corners and the government hides behind the complex contracts. No one is responsible for designing routes and timetables so buses meet trains every time.

Public transport will never beat the car unless we end privatisation and bring in experts with experience, vision and drive.

The government is willing to settle for second-best. You shouldn't have to!

## Bad planning won't get cars off the road

The new regional rail line to Geelong is set to cost an unbelievable \$4 billion but the trip will be slower than it is now! Incompetent planning has caused unnecessary anxiety for people in Footscray whose homes might be in the way.

The cost of the short extension of the Epping line to South Morang is ballooning by the day as private contractors take advantage of nervous government planners.

State politicians are chasing many billions of dollars from Canberra for a short, inner-city Metro that is still uncoded and unjustified. If they succeed, then long-awaited projects like railways to Doncaster, Monash University and the Airport may never be built. These outer suburban projects are vital to get cars off inner-city streets.

We need open and accountable planning for public transport. You and your community must have a real voice.

*Can you imagine the inner city with even more noise and pollution?*



*Traffic Congestion*