

Connecting Ballarat

A proposal for **direct, frequent buses** connecting **key destinations in Ballarat**

The problems

- Ballarat's buses take a very twisty path through the CBD, which is slow, inefficient, and confusing to irregular bus users
- There is excessive timetable padding outside the CBD, so buses have to sit idle waiting for the timetable to catch up
- Buses don't start early enough to meet the first trains, or run late enough into the evenings to meet evening trains or allow for night life in Ballarat
- Pressure is growing on parking, because buses are too slow and infrequent to attract drivers out of their cars
- Train frequencies will increase to a 20 minutes peak/40 minute off-peak service in 2019, which will break the connectivity with buses running every 30 and 60 minutes
- The current diesel buses create localised noise and particulate pollution, and contribute to CO₂ emissions causing climate change

The solutions

- Join routes on opposite sides of town together, to allow for straighter paths through the CBD and easier cross-town travel
- Tighten up timetables and straighten out routes to make taking the bus more time-competitive with driving a car
- Introduce three high-frequency SmartBus routes, running every 10 minutes, all day every day, to form the spine of a turn-up-and-go service
- Increase frequencies on other routes to run every 20 or 40 minutes, to reduce wait times and maintain connectivity with trains
- Run buses to consistent frequencies between 7am and 9pm, and “meet the trains” in the early mornings and late evenings
- Ensure new buses procured are clean, quiet, efficient battery electric buses

Want more details?

Read the full proposal: <http://ptua.org.au/ballarat>

Check out the interactive [Google Map](#)



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- 1 Wendouree West - Buninyong
- 2 Lucas - Brown Hill
- 3 Sebastopol - Invermay
- 4 Sebastopol - Eureka
- 5 Delacombe - Brown Hill
- 6 Wendouree - Canadian
- 7 Black Hill - Mount Clear
- 8 Ballarat Station - Creswick
- 9 Wendouree Station - Miners Rest
- 10 Ballarat Station - Alfredton (via Wendouree)
- 11 Delacombe - Buninyong (via Sebastopol)

