

Media Release

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DESIGN UNVEILED FOR NEW NORTH EAST VLOCITY TRAINS

The Andrews Labor Government has released final designs for the new, comfortable and more reliable VLocity trains for the North East line.

Last year, the Department of Transport and V/Line met with key stakeholders from North East Victoria to hear firsthand what locals need for long-haul journeys.

This feedback has been used to design modern, comfortable train interiors that are accessible and meet the needs of passengers on the North East line.

The new design includes comfortable seats for the long-haul journey, built in USB chargers, six luggage racks and overhead luggage storage, a modern catering facility and six wheelchair spaces with companion seats close by.

The trains will be the first VLocity trains to run on standard gauge tracks on Victoria's regional network.

The VLocity trains will run from Melbourne to Albury/Wodonga for the first time after the completion of the \$235 million North East Line Upgrade and a rigorous testing program.

The North East Line Upgrade will improve ride comfort and make services more reliable by upgrading the track and addressing the main causes of delays.

The new VLocity trains are part of the Labor Government's \$340 million investment in last year's budget for new trains to meet increased demand across the regional network.

Bombardier will begin manufacturing the trains later this year at its facility in Dandenong, boosting the economy and supporting 500 local jobs.

To view the new train design visit transport.vic.gov.au/trains-and-trams

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Melissa Horne

"These new trains will be the first VLocitys to run on standard gauge tracks on Victoria's regional network and will provide North East line passengers with a more comfortable and reliable train journey."

"We'll be making these new trains in Dandenong – boosting the economy and supporting hundreds of local jobs in the process."

Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"We're working hard to deliver this important investment that will improve journeys for everyone travelling on our regional trains to the North East of our state."

"The feedback from local passenger groups, accessibility advocates, local government and tourism representatives has been fantastic, and central to the design process – I thank everyone who contributed."