

Media Release

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IMPROVING STATION ACCESSIBILITY IN MELBOURNE'S WEST

The Andrews Labor Government is improving accessibility across the transport network to ensure all Victorians can safely and easily get to where they need to go.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll and Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne were at Newport Train Station today, where planning work will soon get underway to investigate improved accessibility as part of a \$57.7 million package in the *Victorian State Budget 2022/23*.

The works at Newport Station will help develop options and designs for potential accessibility improvements and upgrades. The development process will start later this year.

Options presented will be considered with a range of key stakeholder groups to make sure proposed solutions meet the needs of all Victorians.

The Labor Government is improving accessibility and safety across the regional and metropolitan rail network building inclusive and safe stations for all Victorians.

Since 2014, the Government has delivered significant accessibility improvements to Victoria's public transport network through the construction of 44 new or upgraded train stations, 41 level access tram stops, and hundreds of new and accessible trains, trams and buses.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"We're improving accessibility across the entire transport network through – making sure all Victorians can travel confidently, comfortably and safely."

"We know there is more work that needs to be done, which is why we are continuing to work with operators, community groups and locals to help make our transport network better for everyone."

Quote attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"This is another step towards a more accessible train network for residents in the western suburbs, and we look forward to working closely with the community to ensure the upgrades meet the needs of locals and visitors for years to come."