

# Media Release

The Hon Jacinta Allan MP  
Premier



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## GETTING ON WITH REMOVING LEVEL CROSSINGS

The Allan Labor Government's work to make Pakenham level crossing-free by 2025 will be delivered more than a year ahead of schedule – cutting congestion and making it easier than ever for Victorians in the south-eastern suburbs to travel on public transport.

To date, the Government has removed 72 level crossings – well ahead of schedule – improving safety and travel times across Melbourne and unlocking more than 31 MCGs of open space, creating new parks, playgrounds, pedestrian and cycling paths across the city.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin today visited Pakenham Station, where works are powering ahead to make level crossings at McGregor, Main and Racecourse roads a thing of the past.

Construction is progressing well, with the elevated rail bridge structure nearly complete – ready for the new train track to be installed later next month.

As part of Pakenham's level crossing works, the metropolitan rail line will be extended by 2.5 kilometres to the brand-new Pakenham East Station, delivering an extra transport option for Melbourne's newest suburb and delivering more trains when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025 – cutting travel times by up to 50 minutes a day.

The Labor Government is also upgrading roads in this growing area of Melbourne, with the duplication of the Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road also to be completed next year.

By 2030, 110 level crossings will have been removed and the Frankston, Cranbourne, Pakenham, Lilydale, Sunbury and Werribee lines will be level crossing-free - boosting safety and easing congestion right across Melbourne.

### Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"We aren't wasting a moment delivering the things that matter – removing dangerous and congested level crossings."*

*"Work on removing Pakenham's level crossings is ahead of schedule, paving the way for more trains, more often as we get ready for opening the Metro Tunnel."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin

*"It's fantastic to see the Pakenham level crossing removal project progressing and the rail bridge taking shape – our growing suburb will be level crossing free next year, boosting safety and easing congestion."*