

Media Release

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GISBORNE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT ON NEW BUS NETWORK

The Allan Labor Government is encouraging the Gisborne community to have their say to help improve its bus network, with consultation now underway.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams announced the local community can now provide input on a proposal to improve public transport in the Gisborne area – which would see the bus network connecting to new estates, provide all day regular bus services and retain connections between train and bus services.

Under the proposal, existing Route 474 would change from being a pre-booked on-demand service to a regular bus service with increased coverage in the new estates.

This route would also be integrated with Route 473 Gisborne to Gisborne Station service – creating a new two-way bus loop service covering more of the town and offering flexibility to catch a bus in either direction.

The Bullengrook to Gisborne Town Centre section of the current Route 474 – including Mulgutherie Way – would then be separated and become a new pre-booked fixed timetabled Route 77 Bullengrook to Gisborne Town Centre service that would only run when booked. Feedback is also being sought on bus travel to and from local schools.

In the *2022/23 Victorian Budget*, funding was committed to review and uplift the Gisborne bus network with the new network planned for introduction over the summer of 2024/25.

Improving Gisborne's bus network is part of Victoria's Bus Plan to meet demand, enhance accessibility and performance, while delivering value for money for all passengers.

For more information and to have your say visit engage.vic.gov.au/gisborne-bus by 12 March 2024.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Through Victoria's Bus Plan we're delivering a modern, productive, environmentally sustainable bus network that increases the number of people choosing to take the bus including in Gisborne."

"We're improving Gisborne's bus network to deliver more and better services and better connect people to more parts of the town."

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"We want your feedback as we reshape the bus network to better support Gisborne's growth."