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BALLARAT BUILDING NEXT GENERATION FLEET OF VICTORIAN TRAINS

The Allan Labor Government has kick-started production of Victoria's new X'Trapolis 2.0 in Ballarat, supporting up to 150 direct jobs, and up to 750 local jobs across the supply chain.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced that the regional workforce are now assembling and fitting out 25 new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains, as part of a \$986 million Labor Government investment.

Work on the X'Trapolis 2.0 trains will continue to ramp up in coming months, as more trains move through the upgraded facility in Ballarat.

The project has also helped to transform Alstom's Ballarat factory, which is now home to world-class and specialised equipment to deliver the new trains.

This project includes a 60 per cent local content quota, providing widespread economic benefits to the Ballarat region.

The new trains will gradually replace Melbourne's longest-serving Comeng trains on the Craigieburn, Upfield, and Frankston lines – providing passengers with a more accessible, reliable and energy efficient journey.

Since 2015, the Labor Government has invested more than \$9 billion in locally-built trains, trams, buses and – supporting 10,000 Victorian jobs across the industry and supply chain.

Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Through our investments in next-generation trains we're delivering better journeys for passengers – as well as supporting hundreds of local jobs in Ballarat."

Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"Ballarat has a strong history of building trains and we are continuing on this proud tradition by investing in the world-class X'Trapolis 2.0 to be built by highly skilled Ballarat workers."

Quote attributable to Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

"Regional jobs are so important and will keep our towns thriving – it's great to see our local workers build trains that will keep Victorians moving."

Quote attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

"It's fantastic to see our region leading the way when it comes to building transport infrastructure that will deliver more accessible and reliable journeys for Victorians."

Quote attributable to Managing Director of Alstom Australia and New Zealand Pascal Dupond

"X'Trapolis 2.0 is result of global expertise, local knowhow and a wonderful partnership with the Victorian Government."

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