

# Media Release

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## CONSULTATION GETS UNDERWAY FOR NEW CROSS-PENINSULA BUS

The Allan Labor Government is inviting Peninsula residents to have their say in shaping plans for better bus connections between Hastings and Mornington – to improve access to jobs, shopping, healthcare and education.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced consultation had begun on a new bus route linking Hastings, Tyabb and Moorooduc residents with key Mornington destinations, while also facilitating access to jobs and recreation in Hastings.

Changes are also proposed to Routes 784 and 785 which offer a more direct and faster link between Mornington and Frankston. This includes Route 784 starting to serve some areas in Mornington, such as retirement villages and the Mornington Racecourse, for the first time.

The changes to the Mornington Peninsula's bus network are part of Victoria's Bus Plan which is reshaping the state's bus network to better meet demand and improve services.

Launched just over three years ago, Victoria's Bus Plan has already improved bus services in more than half of Victoria's 79 local government areas through the introduction of more than 200 new or improved bus routes.

In just the first three years, 83 local bus networks have been redesigned or strengthened, delivering better coverage and service coordination to meet the changing needs of the communities they service.

Consultation on Hastings and Mornington bus services will close by Sunday, 22 September – to have your say, visit [engage.vic.gov.au/Hastings-and-Mornington-bus](https://engage.vic.gov.au/Hastings-and-Mornington-bus).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

*"Through Victoria's Bus Plan, we're delivering simple, frequent and affordable public transport across the Mornington Peninsula."*

*"We promised better bus links in the Peninsula and now we want the community's input to help shape how that will look."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Hastings Paul Mercurio

*"The Cross Peninsula Bus Service will enable people in Hastings and surrounds to get across to Mornington directly so they can access all that Mornington has to offer. Access to employment, education, medical facilities, health care, retail shopping, restaurants and much more including connecting to bus services to get further down the peninsula."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

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*"I'd encourage everyone to have their say on the improved routes for these buses, so the Peninsula is connected in the best way possible."*