# **Media Release**

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## MORE BUSES MORE OFTEN FOR CRAIGIEBURN AND MERNDA

The Allan Labor Government is improving access to public transport in Melbourne's North, thanks to 140 extra services on a vital local bus route connecting locals with stations on the Metro and V/Line networks.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced Route 390 *Mernda Station – Craigieburn Station via Wollert* services will run more frequently on weekdays and Saturdays, and later into the evening, giving more options to access work, school or connect with trains.

The improvements will extend weekday services until midnight and will run every 20 minutes on average between 6:00am and 7:00pm – connecting passengers to the Mernda or Craigieburn lines on the Metro train network, or V/Line services on the Seymour or Shepparton lines that stop at Craigieburn Station.

Saturday services will also be extended two hours later until midnight giving more opportunities to get home from a night out in the city or enjoying the footy – while the route will continue to operate from 7:30am until 10:00pm on Sundays.

The new timetable will continue to provide students access to Gilson College (Mernda Campus), Mernda Central P-12 College and Wollert Secondary College, ensuring local students have safe and reliable public transport between home and school.

The new services were funded through the Labor Government's Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC), delivering better access to bus services across growing communities in Melbourne.

Since launching *Victoria's Bus Plan*, more than 117 local bus networks have been upgraded, giving Victorian communities access to more than 7,200 extra services each week.

Timetables and more information on the extended bus routes are available at <a href="https://pxv.vic.gov.au">ptv.vic.gov.au</a>, the PTV app or by calling 1800 800 007.

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

"We understand how important frequent and reliable public transport is for commuters, which is why we're adding dozens of extra services for Melbourne's north."

"These extra services will make it easier to get to school or work, or to connect with the train network, ensuring more options to help passengers get where they need to go."

### Quote attributable to Member for Thomastown Bronwyn Halfpenny

"These extra services will give local residents in Melbourne's north more reliable options to get where they need to go, whether that's work, school or connecting with the train network."

### **Quote attributable to Member for Kalkallo Ros Spence**

"Whether you're connecting to train stations, attending one of our great local schools, or enjoying a night out in the city, we're delivering on our promise of better bus services for our growing community."

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# **Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean Lauren Kathage** "These extra services will make a real difference for local families – making it easier for parents to get to work, students to get to school, and residents to stay connected with the rest of Melbourne."

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