

Media Release

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ALL TRAIN AND TRAM ZONES NOW LOCKED IN

The Allan Labor Government is making it easier to build thousands more homes in Melbourne's inner city.

Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny today released the final planning controls for the two Inner City Train and Tram Zones.

This means all 50 Train and Tram Zones and the 10 pilot planning controls are now finalised.

The final two Inner City Train and Tram Zones will create capacity for around 35,000 more homes across the Melbourne and Yarra council areas.

For too long, too much land close to the CBD has been locked away from new housing.

That's despite these suburbs being supported by more trains and trams than anywhere else in the state.

These new planning controls will apply to four key precincts and have been shaped by the community and council:

- Macaulay in North Melbourne – close to Macaulay, Arden, Kensington, Flemington Bridge and Newmarket stations, as well as tram routes 57 and 59.
- Fitzroy and Collingwood – including Brunswick Street, Gertrude Street, Smith Street and Victoria Parade, close to tram routes 11, 86 and 109.
- Richmond – along Bridge Road and Victoria Street, close to North Richmond and West Richmond stations, as well as tram routes 48, 75 and 109.
- Alphington – along Heidelberg Road, within walking distance of Dennis, Fairfield and Alphington stations, and served by Route 546 buses.

These new planning controls will set clear rules and fast-track developments that meet certain standards.

In the City of Melbourne, new planning controls at Macaulay will support buildings between four and 15 storeys.

Taller buildings will be located closer to CityLink and lower heights transitioning into surrounding neighbourhoods.

In the City of Yarra, building heights will range from two to five storeys in heritage areas of Fitzroy and Collingwood.

At strategic sites like the former Porter Factory in Alphington, heights will range up to eight storeys and up to ten storeys around North Richmond Station.

Buildings of up to twelve storeys will be supported along major tram corridors including Victoria Parade.

Unlike other Train and Tram Zones, the inner-city program focuses on identifying strategic sites for targeted upzoning.

Labor will continue working with Melbourne and Yarra councils to identify more sites for future housing.

The completion of the Train and Tram Zone Activity Centre Program means Victoria now has planning controls in place to unlock capacity for more than 300,000 homes close to trains, trams and jobs by 2051.

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You can't trust Jess Wilson's One-Nation-Liberal Coalition on housing – they've opposed every single reform we've made to get more homes built.

Only Labor has a plan to help build the homes workers, families and young Victorians need.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

"For years, some of Melbourne's best-connected suburbs have been locked up and it's pushing young people and families out. We're changing that."

"Our reforms are about making sure more Victorians can live close to great trains, trams, schools and jobs."

"The Liberals don't have a housing plan, they have a protest plan. If there's a new home proposed anywhere in Melbourne, they'll be there campaigning against it."