

Media Release

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NEW TRAIN STATION CAR PARKS FOR PASCOE VALE COMMUTERS

It will be easier for Pascoe Vale commuters to find a car park with a re-elected Andrews Labor Government to build more car parking at Merlynston Station.

Whether it's building more car parking or removing dangerous and congested level crossings, only Labor will make it safer and easier for locals in Melbourne's north to get where they need to go.

We promised to remove the level crossings at Bell Street in Coburg and Glenroy Road in Glenroy to allow more trains to run and stop drivers from getting stuck at the boom gates, and we're getting on with it.

There's more to do and only Labor will build up to 355 new and upgraded car parks.

Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan today joined Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn at Merlynston Station to make the announcement as part of Labor's \$150 million *Carparks for Commuters Fund*.

The existing 218 car parks at the station are all full by the morning peak, forcing commuters to park on nearby gravel or clogging up nearby streets.

Delivering these new car parks will free up parking in neighbouring streets and make it easier for more locals to catch the train.

The project will also include a new bike cage, lighting and CCTV to make the station safer, as well as the completion of the missing section of the Upfield bike path along Bain Avenue.

Labor's *Car Parks for Commuters Fund* will see 11,000 new and upgraded car parks being built at some of our busiest metropolitan and regional train stations.

With around 55,000 station spaces currently across the state, the investment will see a 20 per cent bump in available parking.

The additional 11,000 spaces are on top of the close to 10,000 new and upgraded spaces built by the Andrews Labor Government over the past four years, and is expected to create and support over 400 jobs.

While the former Liberal Government failed to invest in our state's growing suburbs, cutting funding for schools, hospitals, road and rail – only Labor can be trusted to deliver the big projects local communities really need.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan

"Demand for parking at Merlynston Station is growing each week – that's why a re-elected Andrews Labor Government will deliver up to 355 car parks, providing much needed relief for locals."

"Whether it's removing level crossings, adding more services or building new car parks, only Labor will get Victorians home safer and sooner."

Quote attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn

"I have been campaigning strongly to fix the Merlynston car park so I am very excited that we will seal the car park, provide more parking spaces and make the station safe with better lighting, CCTV and bike cages."

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