

Friends of the Earth Melbourne – Transport in Sustainable Cities

Question	Response
Big Picture	
a. What is your vision for transport in Victoria?	<p>The Greens have a long term plan to transform our ageing, unreliable transport system into a frequent, reliable, high capacity network. We will invest in clean, fast, efficient public transport instead of dirty, polluting toll-roads.</p> <p>Our plan includes expanding the metropolitan and regional rail network, rolling out SmartBus routes across Melbourne, and upgrading our tram routes.</p> <p>See our vision to transforming transport in Victoria here - https://victoria.greens.org.au/transforming_transport</p>
b. How will you support Melbourne’s growing population to move 8 million people by 2050?	
c. How will you support better public and active transport in Victoria’s regional centres ?	
d. How will you improve connectivity across the urban fringe and into the city?	
e. How will you combat congestion and help people get where they’re going cheaply and on time?	

Stopping bad projects	
1. Will you oppose the construction of the West Gate Tunnel ?	<p>1, 2 & 3 YES</p> <p>The Greens opposed the West Gate Tunnel (Opposed – see https://stopthewgt.org/), the North East Link (Opposed – see https://ourliveablecity.org.au/) and the East West Link (Opposed). We sought in parliament to block the planning scheme amendment for the West Gate Tunnel. We are committed to voting against toll increases to pay for the West Gate Tunnel.</p> <p>The Greens have consistently opposed the privatisation of our roads and the handing over of transport planning to toll road companies.</p> <p>The Greens are committed to reviewing the super profits provision in Transurban’s city link contract with an aim to ending the contract as soon as possible</p>
2. Will you oppose the construction of the North East Link ?	
3. Will you oppose the construction of the East-West Link ?	
4. Will you commit to a phase-out of private tolls on existing roads by 2030?	

Stronger and more accountable local industry	
5. Will you commit to an independent inquiry into the performance of Transdev who have been accused of running unsafe and unreliable services despite managing nearly 30% of Melbourne’s bus network?	<p>5, 6, 7 & 8 YES</p> <p>The Greens have called on the Government to conduct an independent inquiry into the performance of Transdev. Refer : https://greens.org.au/vic/news/media-release/greens-call-audit-bus-safety.</p>
6. Will you commit to higher local content quotas for industry including the	

manufacturing of, where possible, all future rail, bus and tram stock to be built in Victoria?	The Greens support local manufacturing and local jobs.
7. Will you commit to not accept any unsolicited bids from private corporations and take all projects through a public and open tender and through the Infrastructure Australia assessment process?	Our plan for a Transport Super Agency is premised on sound principles of public accountability & transparency with tenders on major projects. Refer: https://victoria.greens.org.au/public_good
8. Will you commit to reversing privatisation of transport infrastructure, services and operations?	The Greens commit to keeping public assets in public hands. We have a platform of bringing our transport systems back into public hands, and running them for people, not profit.

Building a 21st century rail network	
9. Will you commit to an extended and expanded level crossing removal program, focusing on roadways that are important for tram and route bus movements?	The Greens will begin planning for further level crossing removals once the current program is complete with a corridor by corridor approach to allow for increased capacity on the rail network.
10. Will you finish Melbourne Metro 1 on time and start the construction of Melbourne Metro 2 ?	The Green with extend Melbourne Metro 1 to Melton and Clyde, include an interchange with South Yarra, and upgrades to Caulfield, South Kensington and South Yarra stations.
11. Will you finish the Airport Rail Link and start the construction of the Melbourne Suburban Rail Loop ?	The Greens will start planning now for Melbourne Metro 2 and Doncaster Rail to with aim for it be completed in a decade.
12. Will you commit to finally building the Doncaster Rail Line to connect Doncaster and Kew to the CBD?	We are committed to building airport rail and support the Suburban rail loop as part of a long term transport plan.

Connecting our city	
13. Will you commit to expanding the inner city tram network to urban renewal precincts like Fishermans Bend and a new cross-city route linking the train stations in North Melbourne and North Richmond?	The Greens will expand Melbourne's tram network including to Fishermans Bend and an east-west tram route from Richmond to North Melbourne. The Greens will invest \$500m to rollout 30 new SmartBus routes across the city.
14. Will you investigate building inter-suburban tram and SmartBus links in suburban Melbourne linking key rail corridors and commercial precincts with people's homes?	The Greens invest significantly in safer cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, including building a Metropolitan Bike Network.
15. Will you commit additional funding to building more and safer outer suburban cycling and active transport links?	The Greens are committed to developing a long term integrated Victorian Transport Plan as required under the <i>Transport Integration Act 2010</i> .
16. Will you commit to a publicly-accessible, costed and integrated	

transport plan with a hard target of 35% of all trips by public or active transport by 2030?	
Get trucks off our local streets	
17. Will you commit to a legislated target of 30% of all heavy freight by rail by 2030?	<p>The Greens are committed to getting more freight onto rail. Within two years we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build the Port Rail Shuttle, which would move shipping containers from the port by rail to three distribution hubs around Melbourne, halving the number of trucks using the port. • Make sure it connects with interstate freight via the Western Interstate Freight Terminal. • Investigate establishing rail access to the southern section of the port, at Webb Dock (Fishermans Bend).
18. Will you develop and fund a five-year rail modernisation project to complete standard gauge conversion, increase track running speeds, upgrade rail signalling and improve rail network utilisation?	
19. Will you investigate a publicly-owned freight rail network for Victoria, with open access intermodal terminals at key locations across the state including at the Port of Melbourne?	
20. Will you strengthen enforcement of road freight time, noise and environmental restrictions including setting stronger penalties and the creation of a new stronger State Environmental Protection Policy?	