

# Presentation to the Annual Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Inquiry

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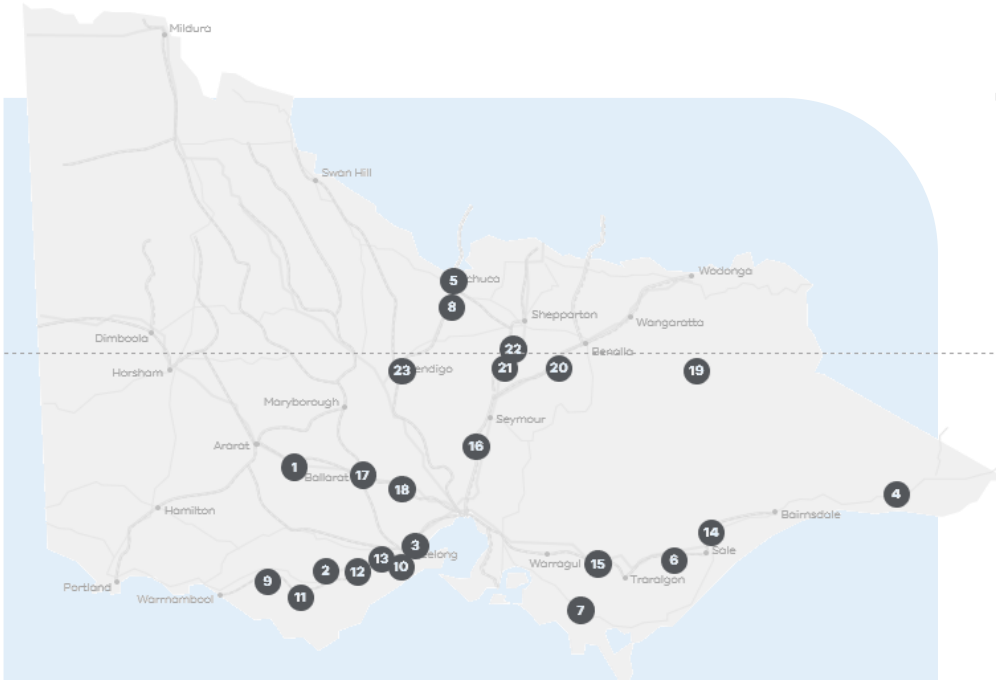
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# Delivering projects across the state to get people home sooner and safer



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| 1 Western Hwy Upgrade                                 | 12 New Boorcan crossing loop                                  |
| 2 Princes Hwy West Duplication                        | 13 New Waurn Ponds Station                                    |
| 3 Barwon Heads Road Duplication                       | 14 New Avon River Bridge                                      |
| 4 Princes Hwy East Upgrade                            | 15 Upgraded Longwarry, Bunyip, Morwell and Traralgon stations |
| 5 Echuca-Moama Bridge                                 | 16 Watson St Interchange                                      |
| 6 Princes Hwy East Duplication                        | 17 Keeping Ballarat Moving                                    |
| 7 South Gippsland Hwy Re-alignment                    | 18 Bacchus Marsh Traffic Upgrade                              |
| 8 Bendigo And Echuca Line Upgrade                     | 19 Bogong High Plains Road Landslip                           |
| 9 New signalling Waurn Ponds-Warrnambool              | 20 VLocity trains on the North East Line                      |
| 10 South Geelong-Waurn Ponds track duplication        | 21 Track and signalling upgrade Seymour-Shepparton            |
| 11 50 level crossing upgrades Waurn Ponds-Warrnambool | 22 59 level crossing upgrades Donnybrook-Shepparton           |
| 12 New Boorcan crossing loop                          | 23 New Raywood, Huntly and Goornang stations                  |

## The 2024/25 Budget continues investment for more than 180 road and rail projects:

- Switching on Metro Tunnel
- Preparing West Gate Tunnel
- Delivering North East Link
- 110 level-crossing removals
- Upgrades to dozens of major arterial roads across the state



# Switching on the Metro Tunnel Project

## The 2024/25 Budget invests

- **\$233 million** to complete the integration of the new tunnel into Victoria's transport network and prepare the staff, systems and customer information for services to start.

## 2023/24 was a year of milestones

- Completion of Arden and Parkville stations
- First test trains through tunnel
- Testing of high-capacity signalling

## The Metro Tunnel is on track to open in 2025

- Further testing and integration and trial operations
- Linking the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines through five new stations.



# Opening the West Gate Tunnel to slash travel times and take trucks off roads

## **2023/24 was a milestone year:**

- Tunnelling completed
- Road deck laid in tunnel
- Two outbound lanes and one inbound lane added on West Gate Freeway

## **The West Gate Tunnel will open in 2025:**

- Widening West Gate Freeway from eight lanes to 12
- Construction of tunnel entries and exits
- Opening of new shared user paths
- Further activity focusing on taking trucks off local roads



# Removing 110 dangerous and congested level crossings by 2030

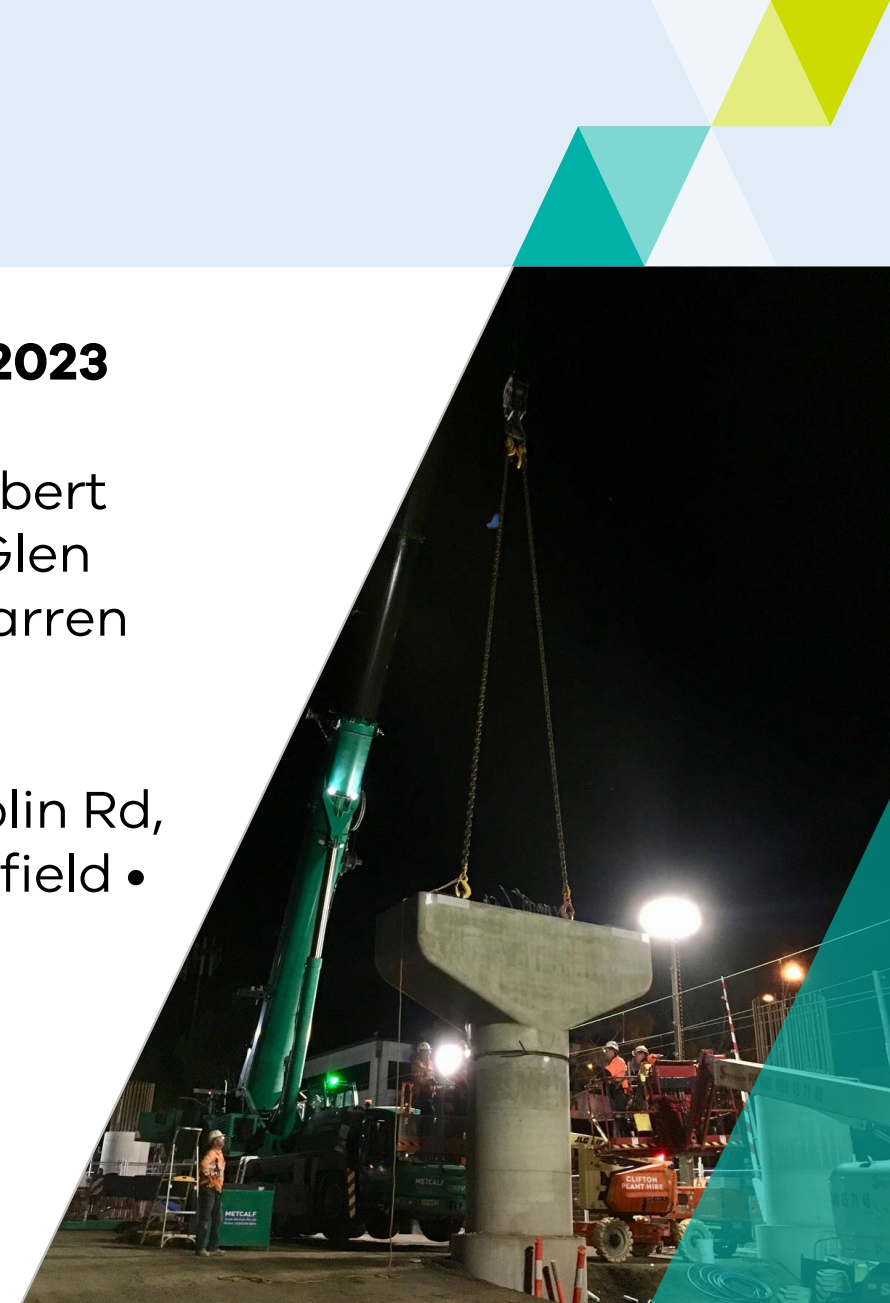
## **77 level crossings are gone for good, including throughout 2023 and 2024:**

Mt Derrimut Rd, Deer Park • Union Rd, Surrey Hills • Mont Albert Rd, Mont Albert • Glen Huntly Rd, Glen Huntly • Neerim Rd, Glen Huntly • Camms Road, Cranbourne • Webb Street, Narre Warren

## **10 are being removed in 2024, including:**

Main Street, McGregor Rd, Racecourse Rd, Pakenham • Dublin Rd, Ringwood East • Bedford Rd, Ringwood • Brunt Rd, Beaconsfield • Coolstore Rd, Croydon • Warrigal Rd, Parkdale, Parkers Rd, Parkdale • Keon Pde, Reservoir

**with Lilydale to be the first line on the network to be level crossing free.**



# North East Link, the missing link in Melbourne's freeway network

## **NEL will take 15,000 trucks off local roads**

- 6.5km road tunnels
- 5,000 workers on the project
- \$5 billion Commonwealth investment

## **2023/24 saw major milestones:**

- Bulleen Park and Ride completed
- Over a quarter of tunnel's internal concrete segments manufactured
- TBM retrieval box completed

## **2024/25 will see the launch of TBMs**

- Tunnelling to commence – up to 15m per day



# Delivering major road upgrades across the state

Continued investment in essential arterial and highway road upgrades right across the state.

Major milestones have been completed – allowing people to travel safer, while reducing congestion.

## **Recently completed**

Sunbury Road Upgrade • Childs Rd Upgrade • Barwon Heads Road (Stage 1) • Lathams Road • Narre Warren North Road • Pound Road West • St Kilda Road bike lanes • Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade (July)

## **In construction**

Bridge Inn Road Upgrade • Craigieburn Road Upgrade • Epping Road Upgrade • Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade • Ison Road Overpass • Mickleham Road Upgrade • Narre Warren • Cranbourne Road Upgrade • Pakenham Roads Upgrade • Princes Highway East (Traralgon-Sale)

