



# Steve Dimopoulos UPDATE Level Crossing Removals

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**REMOVING OUR 9 TIME WASTING AND DANGEROUS LEVEL CROSSINGS. 225,000 SQUARE METRES OF NEW OPEN SPACE. CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN THIS YEAR.**

## KEY POINTS

- 9 level crossings removed
- 5 stations to be rebuilt
- 37 new trains - and a 42% increase in capacity
- 225,000 square metres of new public space
- Delivery of active parkland management
- 3 separate sections of an innovative modern elevated rail
- Time wasting and dangerous crossings to go by 2018
- No large cuttings, extended trenches or cyclone fencing
- Connecting the community through removing the barrier of dirty and dangerous train lines at ground level.

## BENEFITS

- No more boom gates - dangerous and congested level crossings gone forever
- Brand new fully accessible weather protected train stations
- 50% reduction to current noise through new design and privacy provisions
- Brand new community parkland - playgrounds, bike paths, native gardens etc
- Major reduction in construction time and local impact
- Trains still run during construction and roads to stay open longer
- 75,000 less dirty, dusty truck movements during construction.



# **WORLD BEST DESIGN**

## *No Long Trenches and Level Crossings Gone Forever*

### **Level Crossings Gone.**

9 level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong will be gone forever. These include those in our community at Grange Road, Koornang Road, Murrumbeena Road, Poath Road, Clayton Road and Centre Road. 5 stations will be rebuilt, there will be 37 new trains and a 42% increase in passenger capacity on the line.

### **Removing Congestion.**

Most importantly, removing the dangerous level crossings will be a massive relief for local residents who have spent countless time in their cars or standing at the gates waiting for a train to pass and the boom gates to go up. In Carnegie, the boom gates are down for a staggering 87 minutes in the 2 hour morning peak. This frustration will be a thing of the past.

### **No Ugly Trenches.**

This new design means that creating ugly, dirty and dangerous trenches, bordered by cyclone fencing has been avoided. Trenches in an open cut proposal could have run for many kilometres at a time – right at the back of people's fences, and closed off to the community.

### **Village Spaces.**

The new train stations will be fully accessible, weather protected buildings which allow for village spaces underneath, better parking and bus interchanges.

### **More Parking and Shops Saved.**

There will be more parking for commuters and for local shoppers. Shops and businesses which would have been at threat of demolition by other designs, like those in Neerim Road Murrumbeena will be retained. This will help to keep and even enhance the village feel of our shopping areas – this is incredibly important for our community.

### **Brand New Public Space.**

In place of the dirty tracks that now exist in the no-go zones, where rubbish is dumped and back fences are covered in graffiti – there will be brand new open space. In total, 225,000 square metres of open space – for parks, gardens, playgrounds, BBQ facilities, bike and walking paths and sports sections like basketball courts. But what happens in those spaces is entirely up to you – the community. That's why it's important for you to have your say, and contribute to the designs.

### **Less Noise More Privacy.**

There will be a 50% reduction in noise from the trains and privacy barriers installed – and remember that there will be no need for train horns at all hours and the really annoying ringing of the bells at boom gates.

### **Mature Trees and More to Come.**

Lots of mature historic trees will be saved compared to other construction methods, and over 4250 new trees will be planted. The designs also show that all existing parkland and community facilities bordering the corridor are not only protected, but will allow easier access for all the community.

### **Level Crossings Key Priority.**

Removing level crossings continues to be one of the key priorities of this government. Doing so in a totally innovative design which creates parkland from dirty, dangerous and graffiti ridden no-go zones is something I believe will enhance the reputation of Melbourne and our community.

### **Finished by 2018.**

Construction on the level crossing removals begins this year and will be finished in 2018.

# **HAVE YOUR SAY**

Through the second half of 2015, the Level Crossing Removal Authority conducted close to 50 community consultations, had thousands of conversations, received more than 1,500 pieces of feedback and distributed over 300,000 newsletters.

The suggestions and views were provided to the companies bidding for the project so that your ideas could be incorporated into the proposed design. But consultation doesn't stop there. Over the coming weeks, a range of further consultations will be conducted in our community to hear your thoughts about what you would like this project to deliver for you. Please see the dates and times for the consultations below.

If you can't make it to a consultation meeting, you can visit [www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au) where you will be able to make a submission online and view the outcomes of the previous consultations for this project.

Your views are important. And your views will directly determine what can be done to make this great project even better.

### **I'd Like to Hear Your Views**

I have heard through thousands of conversations with the community that removing level crossings as soon as possible is the number one priority for our area. This is the reason we are getting on with it. I'd also be keen to hear your thoughts and views on this project, in addition to the things you would like to see as a part of the open space. Please email me at [steve.dimopoulos@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:steve.dimopoulos@parliament.vic.gov.au)

### **Upcoming Local Community Consultations**

- Saturday 13 February, 1.30–4.30pm  
Hughesdale Community Centre  
160 Poath Road, Hughesdale
- Tuesday 16 February, 5–8pm  
Murrumbeena Pavilion  
28 Gerald Street, Murrumbeena
- Tuesday 23 February, 5–8pm  
Carnegie Community Centre, Boyd Room  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
- Thursday 25 February, 9am–12pm  
Hughesdale Community Centre  
160 Poath Road, Hughesdale
- Saturday 27 February, 9am–12pm  
Clayton Community Centre  
9–15 Cooke Street, Clayton
- Thursday 3 March, 5–8pm  
Murrumbeena Pavilion  
28 Gerald Street, Murrumbeena
- Saturday 5 March, 9am–12pm  
Carnegie Community Centre, Boyd Room  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
- Monday 7 March, 6–9pm  
Clayton Hall, 264 Clayton Road, Clayton