



Leadership for the West

PLEAS FOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Brumby Government is passionately backing the \$750 million Frankston Bypass project while the major transport projects, as outlined in the Victoria Transport Plan, (VTP) sit in limbo.

In Maribyrnong today Anton Mayer, CEO of LeadWest said that investing in public transport was more pressing than building a multilane road that begins more than 35 kilometres away from the city.

“Giving large scale infrastructure projects the green light is important, particularly with the current economic climate and the flow on affect of jobs created. However I am of the opinion that there are more pressing transport projects that will help more people,” Mr Mayer said.

“If you are going to start a multimillion dollar infrastructure project, you would assume that it would make sense to begin with those projects that would deliver fairness of outcome for all of Melbourne. The current underinvestment in the West’s transport infrastructure is an issue that will ultimately limit the entire Victorian economy if it is not addressed.

“I call on the Brumby Government to outline their timetable for the transport infrastructure projects contained in the VTP that will benefit the 700,000 people living in Melbourne’s West”.

Melbourne’s West is experiencing a rapid rate of population growth, currently at 2.83% pa – almost twice the rate for the state as a whole at 1.5%pa.

LeadWest is a peak advocacy body that was formed to provide leadership to the West in addressing its challenges and capitalising on its advantages, to be a representative voice for the West, especially to State and Federal Government. LeadWest’s goal is to help the West realise its great potential as a dynamic and enjoyable place in which to live, work and visit.

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