



Leadership for the West

BRUMBY'S FRANKSTON SUPER LINK IGNORES THE PLEAS OF 651,000 RESIDENTS

The Brumby Government's proposed \$700 million Frankston Bypass project unashamedly ignores the need for new transport infrastructure in Melbourne's West.

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.

"How can the Brumby Government justify spending \$700 million on a road that begins near Frankston, while eight train stops from the city, in Deer Park, the rail system is not electrified", Mr Mayer said.

"I call on the Brumby Government to outline their timetable for the transport infrastructure projects that will benefit the 651,000 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.

"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," Mr Mayer said.

Sir Rod Eddington's East West Link Needs Assessment Report on Melbourne's East-West transport needs highlighted the inadequacies of the West's transport infrastructure while suggesting several recommendations for major infrastructure projects.

The Eddington Report found that the pressure on the West's inadequate infrastructure is being considerably exacerbated by rapid population growth in the West.

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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