

Outer Metropolitan Ring

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An Open Letter to the Premier, Opposition Leader, and all political parties on the Outer Metropolitan Ring

Melbourne's west and north are home to Victoria's fastest-growing communities. They are places where families are building their futures, businesses are investing and major employment and industrial precincts are expanding. But as our communities grow, the infrastructure needed to support them is not keeping pace.

Across Melbourne's west and north, residents are experiencing increased pressure on local and arterial roads, lengthy commutes and limited transport connections. Businesses and freight operators face growing challenges in moving goods efficiently between employment precincts and industrial areas. The challenges don't stop at municipal boundaries, and neither should the solutions.

The proposed **Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR)** is an intergenerational infrastructure project that will connect some of Australia's fastest growing municipalities and critical employment and transport precincts across Melbourne's north and west. It represents nationally significant transport infrastructure that will improve freight efficiency, reduce costs across the economy and support economic growth. For our communities, it means better access to employment and a more connected region.

We recognise that a project of this significance requires long-term coordination and commitment across successive governments.

That is why we are calling on all political parties contesting the 2026 State Election to:

- Commit to the delivery of the OMR
- Progress land acquisition as reservation for the OMR
- Prepare for future construction by ensuring the design supports fast rail, freight capacity and high-growth transport demand.

The OMR is not just about building another road. It is about planning and delivering a transportation corridor that will change how people, businesses and goods move across Melbourne in the decades ahead.

It is time for a commitment on the OMR.

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