

WA LABOR

Fixing Congestion Creating Jobs

PLAN FOR THE NORTHERN SUBURBS



A Fresh Approach for WA

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FIXING CONGESTION, CREATING JOBS

WA Labor’s Plan for the Northern Suburbs

WA Labor will bring a fresh approach to WA, and a comprehensive plan for jobs.

Building METRONET will create thousands of construction jobs and apprenticeships for Western Australians. The building of METRONET rail cars will create ongoing jobs and apprenticeships.

The Liberals’ broken promises on public transport have created a congestion crisis that damages our economy and costs jobs.

METRONET will be a world class public transport system that works. The extension of the Joondalup Line to Yanchep will be the centrepiece of WA Labor’s plan for the northern suburbs, that will deliver road, rail and bus infrastructure to fight congestion and create jobs.

WA Labor will ensure that all jobs created through our plan for the northern suburbs go to Western Australians first.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A McGowan Labor Government will address the congestion crisis facing the northern suburbs and will:

METRONET

- Build the Joondalup Line extension to Yanchep with construction expected to commence in 2019.
- Build three new stations at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep.
- Create 1,374 new jobs during construction.

Bus Services

- Improve connectivity of bus and train services

Fixing Our Roads

- Build a new overpass at the intersection of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.
- Build a new overpass at Ocean Reef Road and Wanneroo Road including a dedicated bus lane.
- Dual Wanneroo Road from Flynn Drive to Joondalup Drive.
- Establish a Reference Group to determine the best solution to issues at the Joondalup Drive/ Burns Beach Road roundabout.
- Complete the NorthLink Project.
- Extend Stephenson Avenue from Scarborough Beach Road to the Mitchell Freeway.

METRONET

Extending the Joondalup Line to Yanchep

A McGowan Labor Government will build the Yanchep rail extension as part of METRONET to solve Perth's congestion crisis and create thousands of jobs.

METRONET will be built in affordable stages and extending the Joondalup rail line to Yanchep will be a priority in WA Labor's integrated and coordinated transport plan. Construction will commence in 2019 and is expected to be completed by 2021.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will build the Joondalup Line extension to Yanchep with construction expected to commence in 2019.**

Perth's outer suburbs are experiencing massive growth. By 2020, the population between Jindalee to Two Rocks is expected to reach more than 56,000 people.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will build three new stations at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep.**

The stations will be at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep to service those rapidly growing areas. The new stations will also result in fewer cars on the roads around Joondalup, reducing congestion and improving the town centre's ambience.

The Barnett Government promised to complete the Yanchep extension by 2020. They have broken that promise and the project has now disappeared from the Government's agenda altogether.

WA Labor is planning for the Yanchep extension now. In a growing area like this, local families need quality, reliable public transport infrastructure, to connect them

to places of work, entertainment and recreation. They need METRONET.

Under a McGowan Labor Government, METRONET will give thousands of extra commuters the opportunity to catch a train, taking thousands of cars off congested roads like the Mitchell Freeway and Wanneroo Road. It will make life easier for people living in the northern suburbs.

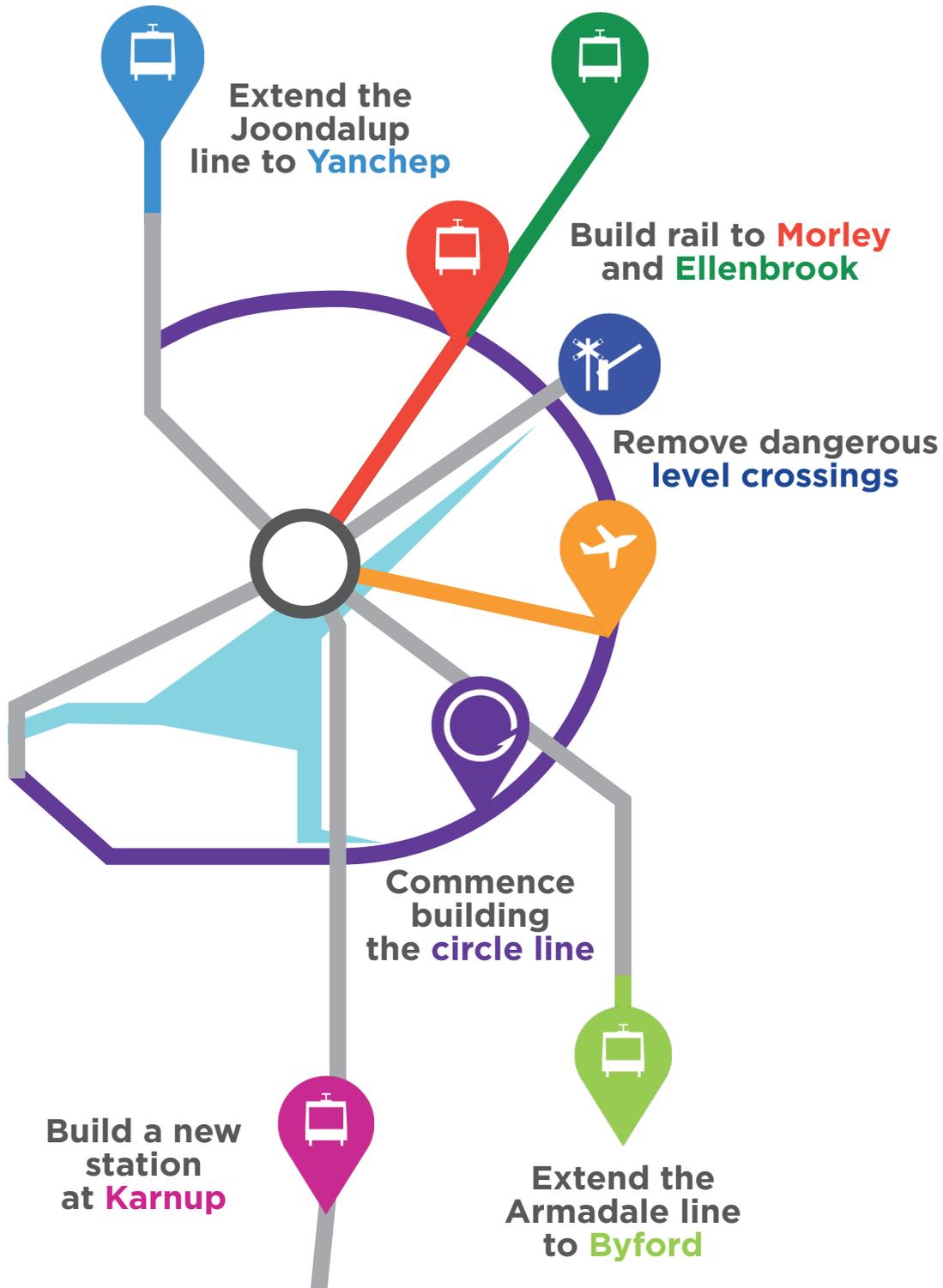
The Yanchep extension and METRONET will connect local families to destinations across and around the metropolitan area. Better planning now will make life easier for the community in the future.

Building METRONET will create thousands of construction jobs and apprenticeships for West Australians. It is estimated that over 1,370 jobs will be created during the construction phase on the Joondalup Line extension to Yanchep.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will create 1,374 new jobs during construction.**

More than 10,000 new jobs will be created in the building of METRONET and WA Labor will ensure that these jobs go to Western Australians first.

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WORLD CLASS PUBLIC TRANSPORT & JOBS



BUSES

WA Labor is very aware of the need to ensure our bus transport system works at peak efficiency, caters for the needs of travellers and links with other forms of transport like train stations.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will improve connectivity of bus and train services**

Bus services are a very important facet of Perth's public transport system. Bus passenger boardings, excluding special event, school and CAT buses, are around 10 per cent higher than passenger boardings for trains.

While passenger rail is the most efficient for transporting large numbers of passengers in one trip, buses, for those areas not covered by trains, and as a link to train stations, are vital to the smooth running of an integrated public transport system.

A recent report into Perth's public transport system found travelling by car is still faster and more convenient for most commuters. It is essential that there is a coordinated, integrated approach to transport, like WA Labor's METRONET, so that our urban centres are connected to the CBD with rapid, efficient public and active transport services.

A McGowan Labor Government will ensure that we significantly improve the connectivity between buses and trains to lower the commute times for passengers.

FIXING OUR ROADS

While the key to reducing congestion is to increase the use of public and active (cycling and walking) transport, roads are an integral part of our transport system and work needs to be done to fix dangerous or congested roads.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- **Build a new overpass at the intersection of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.**
- **Build a new overpass at Ocean Reef Road and Wanneroo Road including a dedicated bus lane.**
- **Dual Wanneroo Road from Flynn Drive to Joondalup Drive.**
- **Establish a Reference Group to determine the best solution to issues at the Joondalup Drive/Burns Beach Road roundabout.**
- **Complete the NorthLink Project.**
- **Extend Stephenson Avenue from Scarborough Beach Road to the Mitchell Freeway.**

Perth's rapidly growing northern suburbs have some of our city's most congested roads, including Wanneroo Road and its intersections at Joondalup Drive and Ocean Reef Road. Building overpasses at both these intersections will greatly reduce congestion.

The single lane nature of Wanneroo Road greatly increases the congestion and the risk of accidents. As part of the second phase of our plans, WA Labor will make Wanneroo Road dual carriageway from Joondalup Drive north to Flynn Drive.

The roundabout further along Joondalup Drive, where it meets Burns Beach Road has had 164 crashes in the past five years. WA Labor will establish a Reference Group to determine the best solution to the issues at this intersection.

The NorthLink project is part of a key freight route between Morley and Muchea and will improve congestion problems along Tonkin Highway. It will include construction of an interchange at the Reid Highway/Tonkin Highway intersection.

Stephenson Avenue currently stops at Scarborough Beach Road, with drivers wishing to reach the Mitchell Freeway forced to negotiate the commercial and retail areas of Innaloo and Osborne Park, contributing to the congestion, especially on weekends. WA Labor will extend Stephenson Avenue from Scarborough Beach Road to the Mitchell Freeway.

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