

# The Thornlie-Cockburn Rail Link



Perth's southern suburbs are growing quickly with increased residential density and new in-fill subdivisions ensuring thousands of Western Australians are now making their homes in suburbs such as Canning Vale, Harrisdale and Piara Waters.

Between 2011 and 2036, the population of the City of Gosnells is forecast to increase by 62,379 people - 55.48% growth. The Canning Vale industrial area also includes the Canning Vale Business Park and Market City.

Due to the hub and spoke design of Perth's rail network, residents and workers in Perth's growing southern suburbs do not have ready access to train services to get them to Perth and the coast.

## Our Commitment

A Liberal Government will construct a rail link between Thornlie Station and Cockburn Station.

Detailed planning will begin now with construction due to commence in 2019 with completion by 2023.

It will be metropolitan Perth's first "cross town" rail.

## Fast Facts

- The \$1.96 billion Forrestfield-Airport Link (FAL) project is now under way to create new 8.5 km rail corridor to Perth's eastern foothills by 2020.
- The Thornlie Cockburn Rail Link will consist of a 17.5km extension of the Thornlie rail line to Cockburn Station.
- Two new stations will be constructed at Nicholson Road and Ranford Road.
- It is estimated to be completed in 2023.
- Once complete the new train stations at Nicholson Road and Ranford road will average over 3000 combined boardings each weekday.

The Thornlie-Cockburn Rail Link will connect the Armadale line with the Mandurah line and slash journey times for commuters travelling to the city and from Cannington to Cockburn.

Estimated to cost \$520m million - including rolling stock - the project will create 500 jobs during construction.

New stations at Nicholson Road and Ranford Road will connect with bus routes and have park and ride facilities for 1,400 cars and bike storage facilities.

## New Transport Link for Southern Suburbs

The Thornlie-Cockburn Rail Link will provide alternative routes for travellers heading to Perth - and the Perth Stadium - from Mandurah and other southern suburbs.

The Thornlie-Cockburn Rail Link will follow the existing freight rail track that runs between the Thornlie and Mandurah lines.

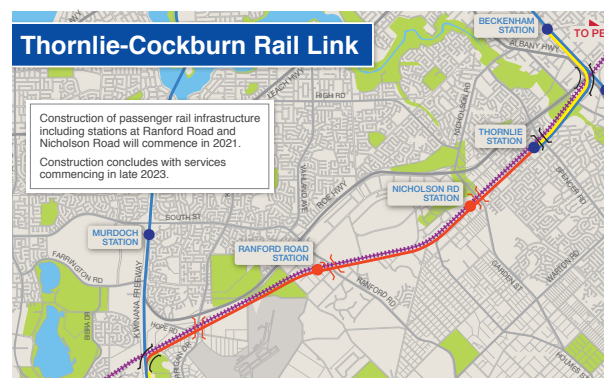
Part of the main rail link between Perth and the Eastern States, the freight lines will be relocated before work can start on the passenger rail ensuring there will be no disruptions to freight.

The first part of the project - to move the freight lines - will commence in 2019. Construction on the Thornlie-Cockburn Rail Link is due to start in 2021.

There will be no level crossings, with the entire project grade separated.

The Liberal Government is providing an integrated transport network that moves people to their intended destination efficiently and quickly.

A balanced approach comprises a safe and efficient road system, increased public transport use, and healthy and active transport alternatives such as cycling and walking.



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