

# Suburban Rail Loop

Making life easier for Victorians

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# Planning for a growing Victoria

By the 2050s, Melbourne will be a city of nearly nine million people.

The Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East will help manage this growth by:

- Facilitating more affordable housing
- Creating more transport options to better connect communities
- Making it easier for Victorians to move, live and work, spending less time in congestion.



# Building the infrastructure a global city needs

Melbourne is a great global city and is following in the footsteps of London – which was transformed by the Elizabeth Line.

Housing options



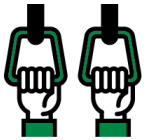
Better connections



More jobs



# The Suburban Rail Loop East will make life easier for Victorians



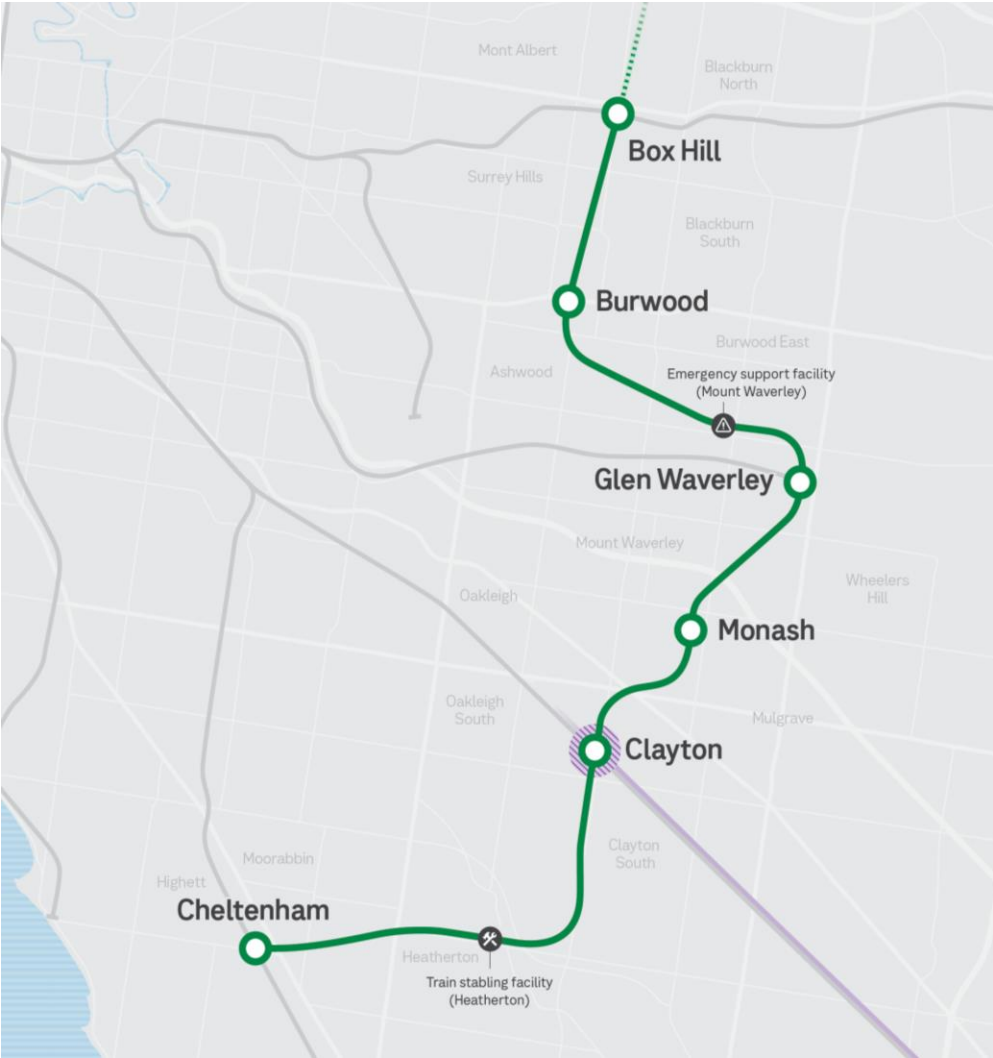
Connection to education, like the Monash Precinct that has been talked about since the 1960s



Interchanging with four metro rail lines, alongside V-Line services



70,000 additional homes within walking distance of the SRL East stations



# The Suburban Rail Loop East is in major construction



Initial and early works completed: all stations and stabling facility



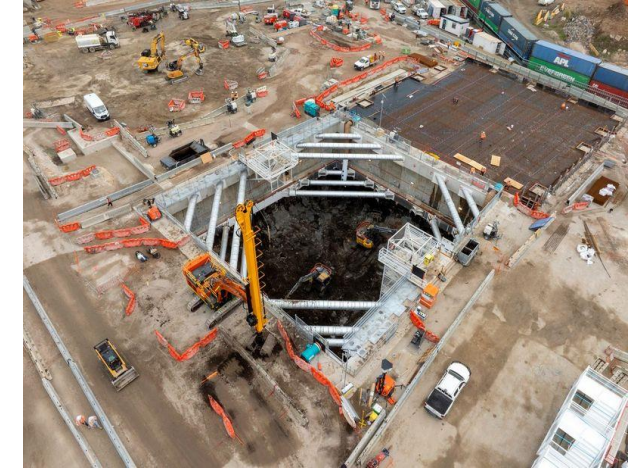
Crews from both tunnelling partners on site



Preferred bidder for first stations contract, two bidders shortlisted for second stations contract



Linewide Alliance contract awarded



# Full steam ahead

- 3,300 people now working on the project
- 17+ million hours worked
- Major works underway at all sites
- Crews working on emergency, network and power support facilities
- Linewide Alliance mobilising and main works kicking off at the stabling facility
- Independent hearings completed and structure plans will be finalised this year
- **Tunnelling will begin this year.**

