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**Question:**

**Aiv Puglielli** - Currently there is a plot of VicTrack-owned land along Moonee Ponds Creek in Kensington. It is known as Macaulay Terraces. It was supposed to be turned into parkland. It is currently behind chain link fences. Can I get a confirmation of the status of negotiations between government, VicTrack and City of Melbourne regarding transfer or acquisition of land required for those terraces to become open space?

**Gabrielle Williams** - We may have to come back to you on the status of that particular project, if that is okay, Mr Puglielli.


**Answer:**

VicTrack regularly reviews its land holdings to identify underused land and buildings, to make them available to community organisations through the community leases program.

They also work with tourist and heritage railway operators, not-for-profit organisations and local councils to make state land and property available for a diverse range of social and cultural programs, as well as for beautification and recreational purposes.

VicTrack owns several parcels of land along Moonee Ponds Creek, the majority of which are leased for a range of commercial and community purposes.

I am advised that City of Melbourne (CoM) applied to VicTrack in February 2026 to lease land in the Macaulay area to create new open space for the community. Any lease or sale is subject to the Victorian Government's Land Transactions Policy. VicTrack is working with the Department of Transport and Planning to apply the policy as part of finalising a lease arrangement with CoM.

  
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**Question:**

**Aiv Puglielli** - Can I ask: how many transport amenity program projects affecting North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Docklands remain uncompleted following the opening of the West Gate Tunnel?

**Jeroen Weimar** - ...I do not have the project breakdown in front of me, but I can see what information is available.

**Answer:**

The Transport Amenity Program (TAP) is a joint program delivered by the State Government and the City of Melbourne. All projects and timelines are agreed between both parties. A full list of projects is available on the City of Melbourne website.

The following projects are ongoing and in planning currently:

- Hawke Street greening
- Spencer Street masterplan
- Dynon Road Shared User Path upgrades
- Transforming Franklin Street.

As agreed with the City of Melbourne, traffic arrangements are being monitored for a period after the opening of West Gate Tunnel to ensure that interventions are fit for purpose and assess if more needs to be done.



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Minister for Transport Infrastructure