

# Victorian Election 2014 – Policy Platforms

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## MAJOR PARTY ELECTION PLATFORMS

A summary of policy platforms announced in the lead-up to the 2014 Victorian election:

	LABOR	LIBERAL
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build the \$9 billion Melbourne Metro Rail with funding evenly split between the Victorian and federal government and the private sector and 5 new stations at Arden, Parkville, CBD North, CBD South and Domain</li> <li>Invest in additional rolling stock</li> <li>\$5-6 billion to remove 50 level crossings, using the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model to prioritise removals</li> <li>\$20 million to build additional car parking near train stations</li> <li>Provide 24 hour public transport services including train, tram and bus services. Late night shuttles would connect the CBD to regional cities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build the \$8-11 billion Melbourne Rail Link, with new stations at Fishermans Bend and Domain</li> <li>Build a dedicated Airport Rail Link to Melbourne Airport as part of Melbourne Rail Link. The rail link includes a tunnel between South Yarra and Southern Cross</li> <li>\$3.9 billion Rail State investment to deliver 75 suburban trains, 24 country rail cars and 75 E Class tram vehicles</li> <li>Upgrade the Cranbourne-Pakenham Corridor and provide a 30% increase in capacity</li> <li>Remove 40 level crossings</li> <li>\$23 million to recruit, train and deploy an additional 50 PSOs</li> </ul>
<b>ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancel the construction of the East-West Link</li> <li>Build the West Gate Distributor (estimated cost: \$400-500 million).</li> <li>Add extra capacity to the West Gate Freeway by adding an extra lane in each direction</li> <li>\$2 billion for country and regional roads (repairs and upgrades)</li> <li>Provide extra traffic lanes on the Tullamarine Freeway using lane management technology (estimated cost: \$250 million)</li> <li>Pilot the introduction of 'continuous flow intersections' at key junctions along Hoddle Street (estimated cost: \$60 million)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build the \$6-8 billion East West Link.</li> <li>\$250 million for the widening of the City Link/Tullamarine Freeway</li> <li>Upgrades to regional highways including the Princess, Calder and Western highways</li> <li>\$310 million for the upgrade of Thompson Road and \$200 million for the Mordialloc bypass</li> </ul>
<b>TOURISM MARKETING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with stakeholders to update Victoria's Tourism and Events Industry Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate \$16 million over four years to undertake the next instalment of the <i>Jigsaw</i> campaign, <i>You'll love every piece of Victoria</i></li> </ul>
<b>BUSINESS EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance Victorian's business events infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre to include a multi-purpose convention and exhibition facility, a new hotel, extra car parking and more retail outlets</li> <li>\$5 million for a feasibility study for a convention centre in Geelong</li> </ul>

<b>MAJOR EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Retain and increase Victoria’s major events calendar, attracting events that boost the economy and employ Victorians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase funding for the Significant Sporting Events program by \$3.5 million over four years               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invest a further \$1.4 million into the Victorian Golf Open under the Significant Sporting Events Program</li> <li>○ invest a further \$200,000 into the Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic to attract international cyclists</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Secure Avalon International Air Show through until 2025</li> <li>▪ Fund the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) for another four years</li> </ul>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$8 million to upgrade visitor facilities and technology at Sovereign Hill</li> <li>▪ \$5 million to revamp Bendigo’s Cathedral precinct, removing old buildings to fund a new education centre and attract the religious tourism market</li> <li>▪ Invest up to \$13.4 million to renovate the Palais Theatre over 5 years</li> <li>▪ Improve the visitor experience in nature-based parks</li> <li>▪ Establish a new Canadian State Park and additional protection for Hanging Rock</li> <li>▪ Review the Point Nepean development lease and move to disallow it in Parliament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$100 million for the Regional Cities Infrastructure Program which would see grant funding go to Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe Valley, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga</li> <li>▪ \$10 million for Grampians Peaks Trail which will deliver 23 kilometres of new track and five new camps: Rosea, Barbican, Mount William, Stockyard Saddle and Yarram Gap</li> <li>▪ \$1 million to progress the revitalisation of the Melbourne Arts Precinct including a business case for capital works options and consultations to gauge opportunities that would support the revitalisation</li> <li>▪ \$2.15 million to upgrade food and beverage facilities at Puffing Billy’s Belgrave Station</li> </ul>
<b>VISITOR ACCESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$100 million Safer Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund to invest in new, dedicated paths and routes across Victoria, keeping bikes and walkers away from traffic</li> <li>▪ Working with Melbourne Airport to improve transport connections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$50 million (alongside \$200 million in Commonwealth funding) to widen and improve the Tullamarine Freeway between Melrose Drive and Melbourne Airport</li> <li>▪ Deliver targeted support for Avalon Airport to attract and maintain domestic and international flights in the long term</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undertake a review of regional tourism boards, to ensure boards are best placed to promote and capitalise on their unique assets</li> <li>▪ Work towards developing destination management plans for individual locations and experiences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$6.7 million over five years for the construction, management and maintenance of the free public Wi-Fi pilot service which will be located in and around public infrastructure, including transport hubs and tourist attractions such as the Queen Victoria Market</li> </ul>