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## **Roads in the West prosper as the East pays**

Bayswater MP Heidi Victoria has expressed the frustration of local motorists with the Andrews Labor Government announcing \$1.8 billion of additional road works in Melbourne's west whilst the east continues to count the cost of the East West Link cancellation.

Ms Victoria said there was a clear double standard.

"In Melbourne's west they're building a \$5.5 billion Western Distributor and throwing in an additional \$1.8 billion for local roads, whilst in the east we're paying \$1.2 billion to not build East West link and they're taking two lanes off Mountain Highway in Bayswater," Ms Victoria said.

On Tuesday the Andrews Labor Government announced a \$1.8 billion package to upgrade seven roads in Point Cook, Truganina, Laverton North, Hoppers Crossing and Werribee.

"While the east sits in gridlock, the Andrews Government is building more and more grand highways past cow paddocks in the west, possibly so Minister Herbert's dogs are chauffeur driven to Trentham more quickly," Ms Victoria said.

The \$1.8 billion package will be funded from general revenue whilst the Western Distributor will be significantly funded from a ten year extension of CityLink tolls.

"It is infuriating that those of us in the east are condemned to pay more in tolls while those in the west escape scot-free thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

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