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M E D I A R E L E A S E

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor

The Napthine Government has announced an agreement to extend mobile phone coverage throughout the City Loop tunnels.

For the first time, rail commuters, through their mobile phone carrier, will have high-quality mobile coverage in the City Loop tunnels and at underground stations. Commuters will be able to use their mobile devices in the usual way and make uninterrupted phone calls, text, stream videos and music, and surf the web.

This project builds upon the improvements to the metropolitan rail system already implemented or initiated by the Napthine Government.

In May, punctuality on the Belgrave line was 92.2 percent – up from a low under Labor of 85.2 percent in 2010. The punctuality of the Lilydale line was 94.2 percent – also better than the low under Labor of 85.5 percent.

Since coming to government we have added another 146 train services per week to the Belgrave and Lilydale lines and eliminated two level crossings and will eliminate three more. The Mitcham and Rooks roads level crossings have been removed and planning is well advanced to remove the crossings at Mountain Highway, Scoresby Road and Blackburn Road.

The Napthine Government will also build the Melbourne Airport Rail Link, and from 1 January next year public transport users will be able to travel across Zone 1 and 2 for the price of a Zone 1 fare. For commuters on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines who travel daily across Zone 1 and 2, this will mean an annual saving of around \$1,200.

The Napthine Government is building a better public transport system for the people of the Bayswater District and Kilsyth electorates.

Yours sincerely

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