



# FACT SHEET

# Electrification to Bacchus Marsh

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## Quick facts

The current diesel service to Bacchus Marsh is not coping with population growth in the Melton corridor.

The existing line requires electrification, track duplication and station upgrades.

## Key benefits

Electrification would bring Bacchus Marsh into the suburban rail network and dramatically increase capacity.

This involves a number of steps including:

Electrification of the track between Sunshine and Deer Park, duplication and electrification of the track between Deer Park and Melton and electrification of the single track between Melton and Bacchus Marsh.

Station upgrades at Ardeer, Deer Park, Rockbank, Melton and Bacchus Marsh stations and new stations at Christies Road and Melton East.

## Bring it on

This upgrade was considered as part of the Eddington report but was not recommended despite the very strong population growth in the Melton corridor.

We believe electrification to Caroline Springs should be done as part of the Tarneit line and be completed by 2014.

There should be an immediate commitment to detailed planning works for the full service to Bacchus Marsh so that it can be in service simultaneously with any required capacity upgrades in the inner city.

It has been estimated that the duplication and electrification would cost in the order of \$400 - \$500 million.