



FACT SHEET

Werribee trains and the new Tarneit line

Quick facts

More services are required on the Werribee line to serve the current rapid increase in demand and the growth of population. Currently Wyndham's population is 128,000. By 2020 it is expected to be over 210,000.

Peak period trains are at or near capacity.

Services need to be reliable to maintain and attract patronage and reduce commuters on the West Gate and Princes Freeways and West Gate Bridge.

Background

The Tarneit line will link the Werribee and Deer Park railway lines, via Tarneit. The Tarneit line is recommended in the Eddington Report for construction commencing 2014. It would be the first major new rail line for metropolitan Melbourne in 80 years.

Key benefits

More trains reduce the overcrowding and provide a comfortable journey. Attracting passengers onto the train reduces the number of vehicles on the West Gate Freeway and over the West Gate Bridge.

The proposed Tarneit line will have the dual benefit of enabling Geelong regional services to be diverted from the Werribee line (to join Ballarat and Bendigo trains on a dedicated regional railway line between Sunshine and Footscray) and provide a train service to the growth areas west and north of Werribee.

Shifting the Geelong services from the Werribee line will allow for significantly more services to and from Werribee. The dedicated regional railway line would also create more capacity for trains from Bacchus Marsh and Sunbury.

The Tarneit line will ensure the future population west and north of Werribee will be within 4 kilometres of a railway line instead of 8 to 10 or more kilometres.

Bring it on

More suburban trains need to operate on the Werribee line now. Better use of the existing railway infrastructure and operational changes need to be identified to enable operation of more trains and ensure better reliability of services.

The immediate task and required commitment to the Tarneit line is to define and reserve an alignment.

The Department of Transport and the Growth Area Authority should immediately commence planning and design of the railway line to ensure and protect the route. The railway reserve must be set aside to protect the route as development occurs in Manor Lakes, Wyndham Vale, Tarneit and Truganina.

We call on the Government to commit to start construction by 2014.

More information and online petition at www.pt4me2.org.au