

## Media Release

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### Caroline Springs Station should be fast tracked

Outgoing Chair of the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF), Cr Jackie Fristacky and a City of Yarra councillor, has urged the Victorian Government to fast forward a new rail station at Caroline Springs on the Melton line.

The former Minister for Public Transport, in October 2010, turned the first sod at the Caroline Springs site and the station was due to open in 2012.

Cr Fristacky said 'the present government was elected on the basis of its commitment to improving public transport but is lagging in achieving outcomes.'

'The Caroline Springs station project is relatively straightforward, with a new station between Rockbank and Deer Park stations on an existing rail line.

'It is an essential part of improving public transport and the sustainability of the rapid urban growth in Melbourne's west to help more efficient access to jobs, education and services.

'The new station would pay for itself by reducing the costs of motor vehicle congestion to the Victorian economy,' she said

'Because of poor planning for public transport in new suburbs, road congestion in growth areas is worse than inner Melbourne,' according to Cr Fristacky.

The MTF is holding a forum on 22 February on *Are the Growth Areas Sustainable* to highlight the plight of public transport in growth areas such as Caroline Springs.

Further details on this forum at the Melbourne Town Hall, 4.00-6.30pm on 22 February can be found on [www.mtf.org.au](http://www.mtf.org.au)

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