

Media Release

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MORE TRAIN STATION CAR PARKING FOR SYDENHAM COMMUTERS

It will be easier for Sydenham commuters to find a car park with a re-elected Andrews Labor Government to build more car parking at Watergardens Station.

Whether it's building more car parking or removing dangerous and congested level crossings, only Labor will make it safer and easier for locals in Melbourne's west to get where they need to go.

We promised to remove the level crossing at Melton Highway in Sydenham to allow more trains to run and stop drivers from getting stuck at the boom gates, and we've done exactly that.

The existing car park at Watergardens Station is often full by the morning peak, forcing commuters to park elsewhere – clogging up nearby local streets.

We've worked alongside the local community on the best way to ease that frustration and now a re-elected Labor Government will build 579 new and upgraded car parks at Watergardens Station as part of Labor's \$150 million *Car parks for Commuters Fund*.

Delivering these new car parks will free up parking in neighbouring streets and make it easier for more locals to catch the train.

The projects will also include new lighting and CCTV to make the stations safer.

Labor's *Car Parks for Commuters Fund* will see 11,000 new and upgraded car parks being built at some of our busiest metropolitan and regional train stations.

With around 55,000 station spaces currently across the state, the investment will see a 20 per cent bump in available parking.

The additional 11,000 spaces are on top of the close to 10,000 new and upgraded spaces built by the Labor Government over the past four years, and are expected to create and support over 400 jobs.

While the former Liberal Government failed to invest in our state's growing suburbs cutting funding for schools, hospitals, road and rail – only Labor can be trusted to deliver the big projects local communities really need.

Quote attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan

"Whether it's removing dangerous and congested level crossings or building new car parks, only Labor will get Victorians home safer and sooner."

Quotes attributable to Member for Sydenham Natalie Hutchins

"We've heard loud and clear that locals want more parking and now a re-elected Andrews Labor Government will deliver 579 car parks, freeing up local streets and making it easier to commute."

"I have been campaigning strongly to upgrade car parking at Watergardens Station and only Labor will deliver hundreds more spaces and upgrade lighting and CCTV to make the station safer."

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