

## **Statement received from the Labor Party**

Infrastructure Australia estimates that 72% of Australia's population growth in the two decades from 2011 will occur in our four largest cities – Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. The pressures are occurring in the inner areas of cities, where there is already existing infrastructure that needs to be upgraded. But even more so, the growth pressures are happening in the outer areas of cities, where infrastructure is less available.

Labor will get ahead of these growth pressures.

During the campaign, Labor has committed to many roads and rail projects that directly address these issues:

- In outer western Sydney, the Western Sydney north-south rail line via the new airport, and Appin Road;
- In outer Melbourne, Thompsons Rd, O'Herns Rd, Craigieburn Rd and Bridge Inn Rd in Mernda;
- In the Brisbane-Gold Coast corridor, the M1-Gateway merge, and the Ipswich Motorway to Brisbane's south-west;
- In outer Perth, overpasses to address congestion on Wanneroo Road and Roe Highway in the north, and North Lake Bridge over the Kwinana Freeway in the south;
- In outer Adelaide, finishing the Gawler line project.

Our investments in expanding capacity of existing public transport systems in inner Brisbane and Melbourne will allow more trains from the outer parts of those cities to travel in peak periods. Labor will also invest in Park and Ride commuter carparking at rail stations across Melbourne to address new demand.

Labor has also announced additional funding of \$3.8 billion to ensure our schools are properly funded; \$4.9 billion for hospitals and \$4.8 billion for primary health care so that your Medicare card, not your credit card, ensures you receive the health care you and your family need.

The most important piece of infrastructure for our 21st century economy is a first-rate, fibre NBN. A Shorten Labor Government will phase out Malcolm Turnbull's second rate copper NBN and scale up the rollout of fibre-to-the-premises. This will deliver fibre-to-the-premises to up to two million homes and business across the country, many of which are in outer suburban areas of our big cities.