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FUNDING LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL FOR GLENFERRIE ROAD & TWO NEW BUSINESS CASES ON TOORONGA ROAD & MADDEN GROVE

The Coalition Government is investing \$260 million to fund the removal of the Glenferrie Road level crossing at Kooyong by putting the rail under the road and allowing thousands of commuters from across the south east of Melbourne faster passage through the area.

The Glenferrie Road level crossing was listed as one of 20 high priority level crossings to be removed in a 2013 VicRoads study.

Glenferrie Road is not included in the State Government's Level Crossing Removal Program despite being one of the most dangerous and congested level crossings as noted in the Victorian Auditor General's December 2017 report into Managing the Level Crossing Removal Program.

The 2013 VicRoads study showed that the Glenferrie level crossing was one of the worst in the area adding to significant congestion on a key arterial corridor in south east Melbourne, causing delays and frustration for the thousands of vehicles that travel through the area each day.

Few intersections remain with level crossings where trains, trams and vehicles intersect. There are 24 trains in morning peak hour between 7 AM and 9 AM resulting in the boom gate being closed for almost a third of the morning, causing significant delays for over 2000 cars and trams.

By putting the rail under the road, as was done for the Burke Road level crossing, it will reduce the impact on local businesses, sporting clubs and residents.

In this context, we think it is important that the Andrew's Government reconsider its position on the Toorak Road level crossing and put it underground which would improve benefits to the local community.

South East Melbourne is one of the fastest growing areas in the country with VicRoads expecting an additional 14.2 million daily trips on its roads. Projects such as this are vitally important to easing congestion and responding to population growth pressures.

As well as removing the Glenferrie Road level crossing a re-elected Morrison Government will provide \$10 million to fund business cases to assess the removal of level rail crossings at Tooronga Road and Madden Grove as part of an integrated plan to relieve congestion.

This is all part of our record \$100 billion infrastructure investment program to help bust congestion and is only possible as a result of a strong economy.

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