

TRANSDEV AND JOHN LAING ACKNOWLEDGE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON DONCASTER BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROPOSAL

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Leading public transport company Transdev and international infrastructure originator, investor and manager John Laing acknowledge the Victorian Government's decision not to progress a market-led proposal to develop a dedicated Bus Rapid Transit link from Southern Cross Station to Doncaster.

The proposal was submitted under the Victorian Government's Market-led Proposal Guidelines in May this year.

Transdev spokesperson Kathy Lazanas said while the company was disappointed by the decision, it would continue to look for opportunities to work with the Victorian government, and others across Australia and New Zealand to deliver improved public transport services for customers.

"We firmly believe new solutions like bus rapid transit, or 'rubber-tyred railways' as they were described by one commentator recently, are cost effective and attractive, and will be a part of the future transport mix in a number of our cities," Ms. Lazanas said.

"As our cities continue to grow at rapid rates we will need to be creative in our approach to delivering transport solutions that optimise our land use, while providing long term sustainable solutions."

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About Transdev Australasia:

- Transdev employs more than 5,800 people across Australia and New Zealand, delivering 145 million customer journeys every year
- Largest provider of multimodal public transport services across 7 cities
- In Australia, Transdev operates ferry services in Brisbane and Sydney, buses in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and coach services to the resource sector in Darwin
- In New Zealand, Transdev operates passenger heavy rail networks in both Auckland and Wellington
- Transdev Australasia was incorporated in 1997

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