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West Gate Tunnel Project IAC

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Comments: The proposal only goes part-way to solving our transport problems. The Andrews Government's own report shows that traffic in suburbs close to the CBD will be far worse with the West Gate Tunnel than without. We need more Public Transport: We need efficient, reliable public transport in Melbourne's west that includes frequent trains and buses that connect to the trains. For around a tenth of the cost of the Western Distributor we could double bus services in the west for 10 years! A train line can carry 40,000 people per hour, while a 12-lane freeway can only handle 24,000 per hour, so better public transport is crucial for the rapidly growing population in the west. We need bans on truck off-ramps from the West Gate Freeway: the Andrews government promised to build these at the last election and the ramps would save \$1 billion and get trucks off local streets (profits for Transurban should NOT be the aim!) We need the Port-Rail Shuttle project which would create a rail connection between the Port of Melbourne to three distribution hubs, and would remove 3500 trucks from our local streets every day. This relatively cheap \$58 million dollar project has already been budgeted for, but the Andrews Government has put the project on ice. Take it off ice!!