



Kelvin Thomson MP

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The Eddington Report has put forward many positive transport proposals.

“I am conceptually supportive of the public transport infrastructure proposals, such as the proposal for a rail tunnel to go from Footscray to Caulfield, the proposal for a rail link to go from Werribee to Sunshine and the proposal for electrification to Sunbury”, Mr Thomson said.

Mr Thomson, who made a submission to the Eddington Inquiry, expressed concern over the proposal to construct a East-West road link tunnel.

“The greatest challenge of the 21st century is the challenge of climate change. We cannot tackle climate change by building more roads.

“By all means let there be more transport infrastructure but it needs to be public transport infrastructure. It needs to be about encouraging train travel and it needs to be about encouraging rail freight.

“Our transport priorities need to be public transport priorities”.

Mr Thomson also outlined other opportunities to improve east-west public transport across Melbourne which the Eddington Report overlooked.

“There is a need opportunity for more rail infrastructure in the eastern suburbs. For example we should have the construction of heavy rail out to Doncaster using the existing Eastern Freeway corridor.

“We could also have a service out to Rowville, and we could do more with the Belgrave and Lilydale lines. There are plenty of things that we can do which will promote public transport infrastructure and help to meet the challenge of climate change.

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