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New Fences To Reduce Trespassing On Train Tracks

Melbourne's metropolitan train network will be made safer and more reliable following the installation of additional anti-trespasser fencing along multiple train lines.

The Allan Labor Government is installing more than 16 kilometres of the new fencing along the Frankston, Dandenong, Sandringham and Mernda lines, with the rollout to be completed in 2025.

The new fencing is backed by a \$11.4 million Labor Government investment to continue anti-trespasser fencing works along the metropolitan rail network.

In 2023, there were almost 3,000 trespassing incidents, delaying on average around 800 trains per month and representing the single biggest contributor to trains running late.

Currently around 60 per cent of the train network is fenced, and this new fencing will be installed at key hot spots to deter trespassing at those locations.

Other measures Metro Trains and Victoria Police are using to target trespassing includes a network of 11,000 CCTV cameras and thermal imaging cameras.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"This investment will make a real difference to community safety and in preventing delays for passengers."

"Trespassing is a significant problem on the train network, and this new fencing will improve safety and reliability by keeping trespassers off the tracks."

Quotes attributable to Metro Trains CEO Raymond O'Flaherty

"Every day we work tirelessly to provide a safe train network that runs on time. But illegal trespassing on our network is now the biggest factor that impacts trains and delays passengers."

"Around 60 per cent of our network is currently fenced, and while no single measure prevents 100 per cent of illegal trespassing, these new fencing will help keep people away from rail tracks."