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FIRST BIGGER, BETTER X'TRAPOLIS 2.0 TRAIN BUILT IN BALLARAT

The Allan Labor Government has built the first of 25 new state-of-the-art trains in Ballarat, with passengers on some of our busiest rail corridors set to receive more reliable and accessible journeys.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced that the first X'Trapolis 2.0 train has rolled off the production line, as part of a \$986 million Labor Government investment.

The new trains have nearly 10 per cent more capacity than the Comeng fleet, accommodating around 1,225 people, and also have dedicated wheelchair spaces and mixed-use spaces for prams and bicycles.

The 25 new trains will gradually replace Melbourne's longest-serving Comeng trains where they run on the metropolitan network, providing passengers with a more reliable, accessible and energy efficient journey.

Production of the X'Trapolis 2.0 has provided a huge boost to Victoria's manufacturing industry thanks to a 60 per cent local content quota supporting up to 750 local jobs across the supply chain – including up to 150 in Ballarat.

The first X'Trapolis 2.0 train will soon begin a rigorous testing program on the network before it takes its first passengers.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$9 billion in locally-built metropolitan and regional trains, trams, buses and enabling infrastructure – supporting up to 10,000 Victorian jobs across the industry and supply chain.

Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Our investment in these next generation trains will deliver more reliable and smoother journeys for passengers."

Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"Our investment in next generation Ballarat built X'Trapolis 2.0 trains are supporting local manufacturing jobs and delivering a world-class travel experience for passengers."

Quote attributable to Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

"It's exciting to see the first new X'Trapolis 2.0 train take shape, proudly built right here in Ballarat by local manufacturing workers."

Quote attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

"By building these state-of-the-art trains locally, we're keeping manufacturing jobs in our region, and supporting suppliers from across our state."