

New trains, trams hope

By ROB FILMER

More money for public transport will mean a new deal for suburban travellers.

The Victorian Railways and the Tramways Board predicted this today.

If the State Government gives the money —

- Tram travellers will see an enlarged fleet of the railways' new stainless-steel carriages.
- Tram passengers will ride in heated, modern trams, which will be smoother and faster.

Mr E. P. Rogan, a railways commissioner, said today that the railways were "delighted" with State Cabinet's support for improved public transport.

"It is a sensible attitude, which conforms to the international approach to commuter traffic."

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The Minister for Local Government, Mr Hunt, said yesterday that Cabinet wanted public transport improved so that more people would use it to and from the city.

State Cabinet yesterday scrapped plans for the controversial eastern leg of the city ring road, and called for a review of Melbourne's transport system.

Mr Hunt said today that there was nothing critical of the Board of Works in State Cabinet's decision to reject the eastern section of the ring road.

"The decision, in fact, resulted from a detailed re-thinking of freeway philosophy by the Cabinet," Mr Hunt said.

He said the Board of Works had gone ahead

with proposals in the metropolitan planning scheme according to land use reservations made long before.

Mr Hunt said the Town and Country Planning Board, in its report opposing the eastern leg, expressly praised the Board of Works planners for their attempts to "minimise visual damage."

Any extra money for the railways would almost certainly be spent on extending the planned fleet of stainless steel rail carriages.

The railways hope to get approval for 30 new stainless steel cars this year.

They would cost a total of \$3 million.

The acting chairman of the Tramways Board, Mr F. D. Snell, said today that plans for new style trams were complete.

"We are ready to go as soon as we get the money," he said.

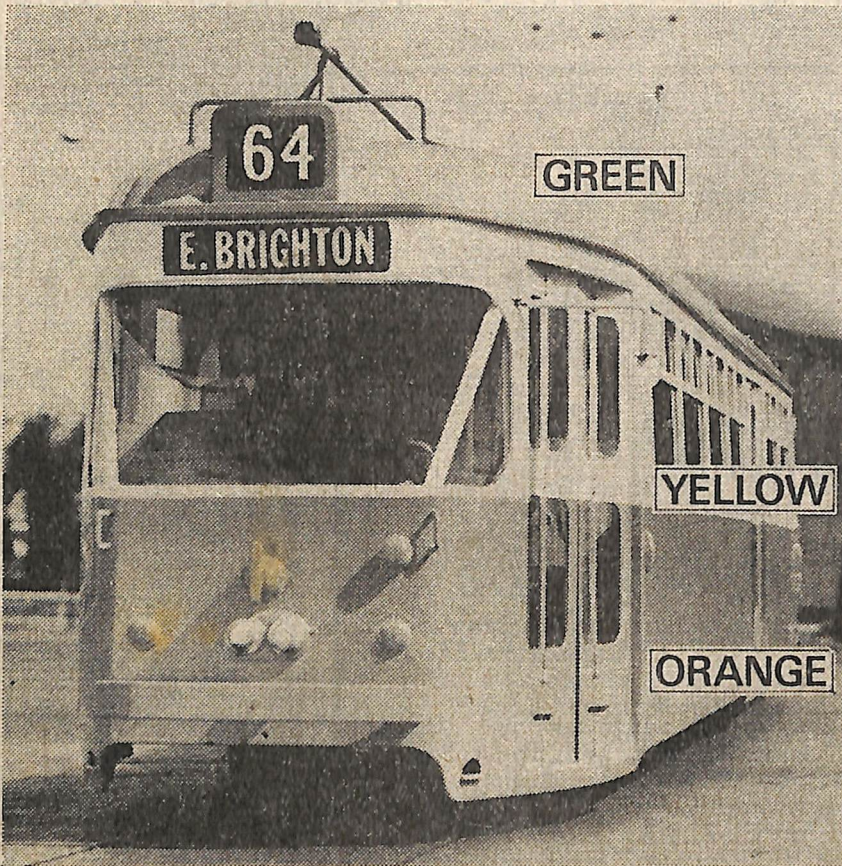
"There has been a significant change in attitudes towards public transport in the past 12 months."

The Tramways Board now has 288 buses and plans to replace them at a rate of 20 a year over the next 10 years.

Its tram fleet of 700 is planned to be replaced by 600 of the improved version.

About 900 new trams will be needed by 1985 according to the Metropolitan Transport Plan.

Each new tram is expected to cost about \$65,000.



How the new trams planned for Melbourne will look.

Passengers will board through the front door and leave through the centre exit.

The Tramways Board is experimenting with new

colors to replace its traditional green-gold livery.

The driver is separated from the passengers by a low bulkhead and rails, in the same style as the present one-man buses.

The conductor will be seated at the front entrance.

The trams will be heated. They will be smoother and faster, the Tramways Board says.

YAP — THEN YELP!

ham, of Douglas Pde., Newport, "did suffer a nuisance to exist on premises occupied by him."

He fined Greenham \$25. with \$46.62 costs. Greenham pleaded not guilty.

Prosecution was brought by the chief health inspector of Williamstown Mr Alexander Edwards, Council, Mr N. C. Hawthorn, after a petition by nine of Greenham's neighbors.

Mr Weinstein, a neighbor

in Douglas Pde., said he had a dog himself "and all the neighbors can tell you he never barks."

Oakbank St. resident, Mrs William McPherson, a night cleaner, said that when she got up at 4 o'clock she could hear the dogs barking.

Mr Alexander Edwards, also of Oakbank St., said the dogs had been a nuisance over the past two months.

He said they frightened

anyone who walked past.

The other witnesses were Mr and Mrs Graham Rowe, Mr McPherson, and Mrs Jean Kilpatrick, all of Oakbank St.

Greenham told the court that he kept the dogs — a terrier and a mongrel — to protect his property.

"The dogs will bark if they are provoked," he said.

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