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## METROPOLITAN RAIL SYSTEM SERVICE ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES

The Minister for Public Transport today announced alterations to the level of services for the Metropolitan rail system and the closure of the Newport and Williamstown line and the Upfield line. These changes reflect the present day customer demand for rail services and meet the Government objectives for improving efficiency and security of the rail system and effectively using Transport resources across the community. As an employee in the suburban railway area, you will be affected by the service alterations, which are summarised following.

- \* Certain lines will close after 8:00 pm each weeknight, Saturdays and Sundays, with substitute bus services provided.
- \* The Alamein line will close between Morning and Evening Peak hours Monday to Friday and after 8:00 pm each weeknight and be closed on Saturdays and Sundays with a substitute bus service provided.
- \* The Newport to Williamstown line is closed with a substitute bus service provided.
- \* The Upfield line is closed with substitute tram and bus services provided.

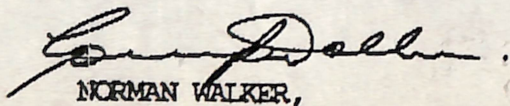
Further details are given on the attachment.

As with all service changes, consultation for implementation of the new timetable and rosters will occur. It is planned that the established consultative processes be used and that the local manager lead the consultation.

If you made an expression of interest for the Voluntary Departure Package, and meet the essential criteria, you will be made an offer which you may elect to accept. Your departure date will in part be dependant upon the service alterations, but not later than the 30th June 1993.

I trust that you will work with us in introducing these significant changes which are designed to ensure that the P.T.C. is better positioned to serve its customers and the community in future.

Yours sincerely,



NORMAN WALKER,  
DIRECTOR, PASSENGER SERVICES DIVISION



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\* CLOSURE AFTER 8:00 PM  
WEEKNIGHTS, SATURDAYS  
AND SUNDAYS

- ST ALBANS LINE, with buses between Footscray and St Albans connecting with Werribee line trains.
- BROADMEADOWS LINE, with buses between the City and Broadmeadows.
- EPPING LINE, with buses between Clifton Hill and Epping connecting with Hurstbridge line trains.
- BELGRAVE LINE, closed from Ringwood with buses between Ringwood and Belgrave.
- LILYDALE LINE, closed from Ringwood with buses between Ringwood and Lilydale.
- GLEN WAVERLEY LINE, with buses between Burnley and Glen Waverley, connecting with Ringwood line trains.
- DANDENONG/PAKENHAM LINE, with buses between Caulfield and Pakenham connecting with Moorabbin line trains.
- FRANKSTON LINE, closed from Moorabbin with buses between Moorabbin and Frankston.
- SANDRINGHAM LINE, with buses between South Yarra and Sandringham, connecting with Caulfield line trains.

\* CLOSURE BETWEEN MORNING  
AND EVENING PEAKS AND  
AFTER 8:00 PM WEEKDAYS,  
ALL DAY SATURDAYS AND  
SUNDAYS

- ALAMEIN LINE, buses between Camberwell and Alamein between Morning and Evening Peaks Monday to Friday and after 8:00 pm weeknights and all day Saturday and Sunday.

\* LINE CLOSURES TO ALL  
TRAFFIC

- WILLIAMSTOWN TO NEWPORT LINE, with substitute bus services.
- UPFIELD LINE, with substitute tram and bus services.

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re: **CLOSURE OF WILLIAMSTOWN TRAIN SERVICE**  
**Customer Services - Passenger Services Division**

The Minister for Public Transport, the Honourable Alan Brown M.P. has announced closure of the Williamstown train service and the provision of additional bus services to meet the requirements of customers in this region.

A planned and co-ordinated approach to the introduction of these changes to public transport services will occur and your involvement in assisting with securing this outcome during a period of major change is now sought.

For those staff who have applied for or accepted the Voluntary Departure Package (V.D.P.) offer, they will be advised of their departure date once the date for the alterations to the train service is determined.

For staff who have not applied for or not accepted the V.D.P. offer, your position will be abolished once the line closure is finalised and you will be declared surplus.

Surplus staff, under the revised "Redeployment Policy", may be given opportunities for redeployment within Customer Services or other areas of the P.T.C. (where available). To facilitate this your expression of interest should be forwarded to the Manager Personnel, Customer Services, Mr. Russell Johnston, by 1 March, 1993.

Further details of the career options and redeployment arrangements will be available from your District Business Manager shortly.

Yours sincerely,



NORMAN WALKER  
DIRECTOR, PASSENGER SERVICES

