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- **Daniel Andrew's threat to rip up the East West Link contract would cost Victorians \$3 billion**
- **2014-15 Victorian State Budget delivers largest-ever investment in transport**
- **Napthine Coalition Government building a better south-east**

Today State and Federal Liberal Members and Candidates gathered to condemn Daniel Andrews and the Victorian Labor party for confirming they would rip up contracts to build the eastern section of the East West Link.

"Victoria cannot trust the Leader of the Victorian Labor Party Daniel Andrew's who states one week he would never tear up contracts, and now confirming he would do just that." Brad Battin State Member for Gembrook said.

"Business Groups were left stunned by this announcement that will see Victoria's roads clogged for years and thousands of jobs lost."

Detailed analysis show State budget provisions for the eastern section of the East West Link over the forward estimates will be fully required to cover the repayment of Commonwealth grants, contractual break fees and damages in the event that Labor is elected.

"If Labor returned to government Daniel Andrews appears not to care that Victorians would have a bill estimated at \$3 billion wasted in another Labor financial scandal" Amanda Stapledon, Liberal Candidate for Narre Warren North said.

"Daniel Andrews and Labor threaten to trash Victoria's budget and the vital AAA rating that the Napthine Government has delivered to support Victorian families."

While \$2.6 billion of State money has been provisioned in the budget across the next four years for construction of the eastern section of East West Link, the cost of refunds, compensation and damages is estimated to also be \$2.6 billion if Labor ripped up contracts.

Federal Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood, welcomed the Commonwealth Government's landmark investment in East West Link infrastructure.

"As a local who uses the freeway system on a regular basis I am pleased the Federal Government has supported this vital infrastructure." Mr Wood said.

"It is obvious for businesses, local road users and freight companies that we need the East West Link, there is just one group opposed to this project, Daniel Andrews and his Labor Party."

Should Labor rip up contracts for East West Link, the State would be required to repay the \$1.5 billion received from the Commonwealth Government.

“The Government is delivering a record infrastructure program with a \$27 Billion investment including \$2 to \$2.5 Billion upgrade of the Pakenham/Cranbourne Railway line.’ Susan Serey, Liberal Candidate for Narre Warren South said.

“It is not about Roads or Rail, it is delivering both to offer genuine options for Victorian’s and Business to move around the state.”

Geoff Ablett, Liberal Candidate for Cranbourne said “Local residents will recall it was the Labor Party in Victoria who objected to the City Link, and we ask where we would be today without it.”

“Only an irresponsible Government would tear up contracts, the Coalition would have torn up contracts like the Desalination Plant, MYKI and North South Pipeline, however it is a Government’s job to ensure we are a secure state to invest in the future.”

“Victoria will have a choice on November 29, Daniel Andrews has come out and shown he cannot be trusted to handle Victoria’s finances.”