

The State Budget drew a mixed reaction among readers on heraldsun.com.au

SO the Liberals deliver a state surplus, yet the ALP is about to deliver a \$20 billion deficit? Anyone who doubts the financial credibility of either party should not now.

D. Nic, Frankston

WE need new railway lines, not more roads.

James, Melbourne

\$67 MIL for PSO dunnies? What is wrong with the public facilities at stations?

Rob, South Melbourne

DISAPPOINTED the State Government decided to help its road mates, rather than back the Melbourne metro tunnel, which would actually do some good.

Paul, Brunswick

WHAT'S Mr Abbott going to say about this reckless spending by the Victorian Government?

Marg, Brunswick

THEY got elected with promises to build the Doncaster rail line and fix public transport. We have \$6 billion-\$8 billion for a tollway, but no funds to build the metro tunnel or Doncaster line, merely

money for studies. The State Government does not care about the average commuter.

Logic

IT is good to see money being issued for road upgrades and making plans for the east-west link.

Ozzie, Vic

WHAT about north-south traffic?

Frustrated driver

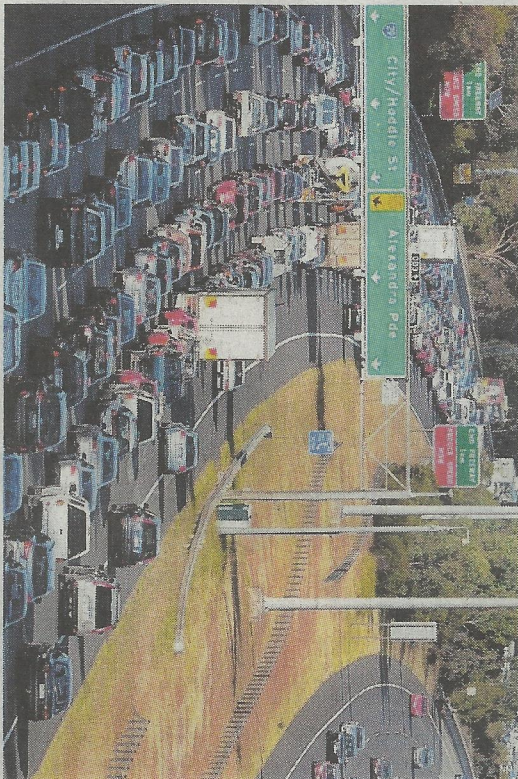
NOT much for better train services. Dandenong needs duplication from Caulfield to Pakenham to allow V/Line a devoted line. Then the fast train could go fast, instead of going about 10km/h behind a stopping-all-stations Metro train. I want to see a Budget that talks about cutting back and making do. (I was serious when I started writing that last sentence — then I read it back to myself).

CB, Melbourne

MORE damn roads and bugger-all for desperately needed public transport infrastructure.

Steve Miller

I AM fed up with the focus on funding road projects. Victorians are so



Favoured: Many are disappointed that road funding has won over rail.

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overly reliant on cars. Victoria has OK public transport and if sufficient funds were invested on upgrades, such as the metro rail tunnel, it could be great. The Doncaster rail line has been in "feasibility study" phase since the 1970s. It seems each government likes Victorians to think it is doing something by spending \$50m every three years on these studies.

Graeme Labroy, Essendon

HOORAY! Julia and Wayne, this is how you do it.

Budget Surplus Anyone?, Hallam

THE Liberals' Budget just shows what responsible management of a state's finances can do. Considering the mess and project failures inherited from Labor, we can only imagine how much more could be done if not for the desalination plant, pipeline and myki fiasco.

Wayne Adams, Cranbourne

SO roads get funding but public transport loses out.

Damian Willcox, Ashwood