

***More public transport, powered by renewable energy
More bicycle and pedestrian paths***

Climate Action = Sustainable Transport

Thanks to a massive and highly effective community campaign, the East-West Link has been stopped.

This project would have starved public transport of funds, and destroyed thousands of trees and open space. It would have increased carbon emissions which are driving global warming.

But what now? We must transform our car-based transport system. We need a massive and urgent switch to sustainable transport.



Our climate is heating up

Australia's climate is getting hotter and more extreme. Bushfires will become more intense and more frequent. Heatwaves are already our deadliest natural disaster. These will only get worse.

Over the last 30 years, Melbourne heatwaves have occurred 17 days earlier and have become 1.5 degrees hotter. Extreme, over-40 degree heatwaves in 2009 and 2014 resulted in 500 additional deaths from heat stress and related conditions.

Victoria is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Melbourne will become less and less liveable as escalating global warming takes us to a new climate that humans have never before experienced. There will be tremendous pressure on water and food supplies.

Roads are making our cities hotter

During heatwaves, our cities are much hotter than would be otherwise because of the "urban heat island effect". Roads are a big culprit! Concrete and asphalt surfaces can raise the temperature significantly. We need to replace these with much more green space – parks, trees and gardens – to help us better cope with the heat.

Other cities around the world are now removing roads and replacing them with green spaces. Hamburg is a great example – it aims to be car-free in 20 years. We can do it too!

Make the 'big switch' to sustainable transport

Despite our much loved trams, Melbourne is very car-dependent. We know we can't continue like this. Climate change will mean that we will have no choice but to make the switch to sustainable transport. But the more we delay, the more wrenching it will be.

Our governments need to stop "promising" new public transport and start delivering – massively! We need a big program to renew and expand public transport infrastructure: a comprehensive network of trains, trams and buses, all running on emissions-free renewable energy.

We need a city where people find it easy and convenient to use public transport, cycle or walk.

People power stopped the tunnel! We can win on sustainable transport!

Get involved in Climate Action Moreland. We are a local group that worked with Moreland Campaign Against the East-West Tunnel (MCAT) to help stop the East-West Link. We are also involved in a range of other activities to build support for serious climate action.

Check out Climate Action Moreland online at www.climateactionmoreland.org or www.facebook.com/groups/climateactionmoreland/; or email climateactionmoreland@gmail.com