



# VICTORIA GETS FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN FUEL CRISIS

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**The Allan government announced on Sunday that it would make all metro and regional V/Line trams, trains and buses free from 31 March until the end of April.**

The government said the free fares were a temporary measure, costing about \$71m in forgone revenue

During the free period in Victoria, the state government has promised all Myki gates will be open and passengers will not have to touch on. Those who do accidentally will not be charged, and if for some reason they are, they can get a refund.

Myki passes, including yearly passes, will automatically be paused and resume after April, the government said.

People travelling on V/Line coaches outside the Myki network will need to book a free ticket to secure their seat. However, people will not need a ticket to travel on trains outside the Myki network.

“This won’t solve every problem, but it’s an immediate step to help Victorians right now while we keep working on new solutions to make Victoria more affordable,” said the premier, Jacinta Allan.

Across Australia, weekly petrol bills have risen by \$20 or more since the end of February for the average household using 35 litres of fuel.

