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MODBURY O-BAHN UPGRADE: Announce and Announce again

Frances Bedford, Independent member for Florey, has worked hard for improvements at the Modbury TTP end of the O-Bahn for many years.

“Over the past weeks, I’ve spoken with commuters on the concourse during the morning peak to listen to their concerns. They’re aware there have been several announcements made about upgrades along the O-Bahn, including additional parking.”

“But these repeated announcements are becoming tiresome. The provision of O-Bahn parking is being used as an election promise with no specific details or detailed budget.

“I’ve been campaigning continuously for more parking and other improvements like more seating, better signage and landscaping - and most importantly, for better shelter around and access to the concourse since the Park’n’Ride opened near TAFE, but the sale of the former car park on the southern side of Smart Road means convenient additional parking will be difficult to build.”

“In 2014 I raised the need for more parking with the government. I argued that it was a false economy to sell the larger old car park site. But, despite my local knowledge the land sale went ahead and now we face the problem of where to locate new carparks.

“I’ve heard the local Labor candidate is involved in the latest plans for the upgrade, despite Minister Mullighan announcing similar plans in August 2017.”

In **** 2017, investment of \$15 million to build an extra 500 car parks for O-Bahn commuters was announced, including 300 spaces at Tea Tree Plaza interchange. The latest announcement touts 400 car parks at TTP, even though the investment of \$15 million remains the same.

“What we really need to have is the specific details, preferably with plans for commuters to review.”

“The commuters of the north east have practical ideas and suggestions, but they need someone to listen and act, not constant vague announcements about future plans.”

Frances Bedford is responsible for a number of improvements to the TTP Modbury interchange. A major improvement was the addition of toilet facilities in 2014, and recently she began lobbying for better pedestrian access to the walkways between the interchange, the Park’n’Ride and TTP.