



Mathew Kenneally for Parliament?

This is the text of a speech to be delivered on the steps of the Victorian State Parliament, Spring Street, at 1.30pm on Wednesday 03 October 2007.

Kenneally Announces Plan for Federal control of Bourke Street Tram Line

Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Mathew Kenneally and I am running for Parliament.

Today I come here, across from this tram stop at the top of Bourke Street, to announce my transport policy. Melbourne's public transport system is in crisis. The private operator, Connex, or should I say CON-x, can't handle the challenge. The State Government, having lost the services of Steve "Action Man" Bracks, can't handle the challenge. So it is up to me, Mathew Kenneally, to handle this challenge. What this crisis needs is Federal intervention. Kenneally Loves Trams.

Recently the Howard Government took Federal control over a hospital in Mersey Valley Tasmania, under what is known as the "adopt a marginal problem" approach. Sometimes it takes Federal control to improve a marginally unsatisfactory service.

That is why I am announcing today that, if elected, a Kenneally Federal Government would take Federal control of the Bourke Street tram track between Spring and Exhibition. This stretch of track is under-performing (marginally), and a Kenneally Government will not rest until we provide a marginal improvement. Kenneally Loves Trams.

Our changes will involve:

- Running an independent tram service back and forth along our track.
- Not allowing any "inferior" State controlled trams to traverse our track.
- Using advertising space on our trams to inform the public of the great new levels of service we are providing for them.
- Dealing with peak hour congestion by refusing access to anyone who cannot prove they voted for a Kenneally Government.
- Finally, we will introduce a class distinction system to tram travel. First-class passengers will pay extra to sit in a deluxe carriage inside the tram, while economy class passengers will pay a budget fare entitling them to ride on the roof.

As you can see, Mathew Kenneally, the candidate, is a man with innovative solutions, a man willing to solve the problems the major parties will not touch. A man willing to intervene to save the Bourke Street trams. A candidate who loves his trams and loves Melbourne. Unfortunately the major parties do not care about Melbourne's trams, with both John Howard and Kevin Rudd refusing to meet my challenge to debate me, right here, right now, on the crucial election issue of trams. Kenneally Loves Trams.

So when you go to the ballot box in November, or December, or maybe even January, vote for the man who cares about trams.

Mathew.
Kenneally.
Loves.
Trams.

Thank you very much.

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