

*New nine-car VLocity trains will  
run on the Melton Line from 2027*



**Melton Line Upgrade**, September 2025

# Understanding the Cobblebank train stabling yard







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# Project overview

## Passengers in Melbourne's booming west will benefit from longer trains and improved journeys when nine-car VLocity trains start services on the Melton Line from 2027, one year ahead of schedule.

Running longer trains will boost passenger capacity by 50 per cent during peak services.

The nine-car VLocity trains will provide more doors for boarding, reducing crowding in aisles during peak periods.

The new nine-car VLocity trains will run between Melton and Southern Cross.

To allow the longer trains to stop at some of the busiest stations on the line, platforms are being extended at Cobblebank, Rockbank, Caroline Springs and Deer Park stations.

The new Melton Station with longer platforms is being built as part of works to remove four dangerous and congested level crossings.

As part of the \$650 million Melton Line Upgrade, we'll build a new train stabling yard in Cobblebank, 700 metres east of the new Melton Station, to house the new trains.

The new train stabling yard in Cobblebank will enable the new trains to be at Melton Station, ready for first services to the city.

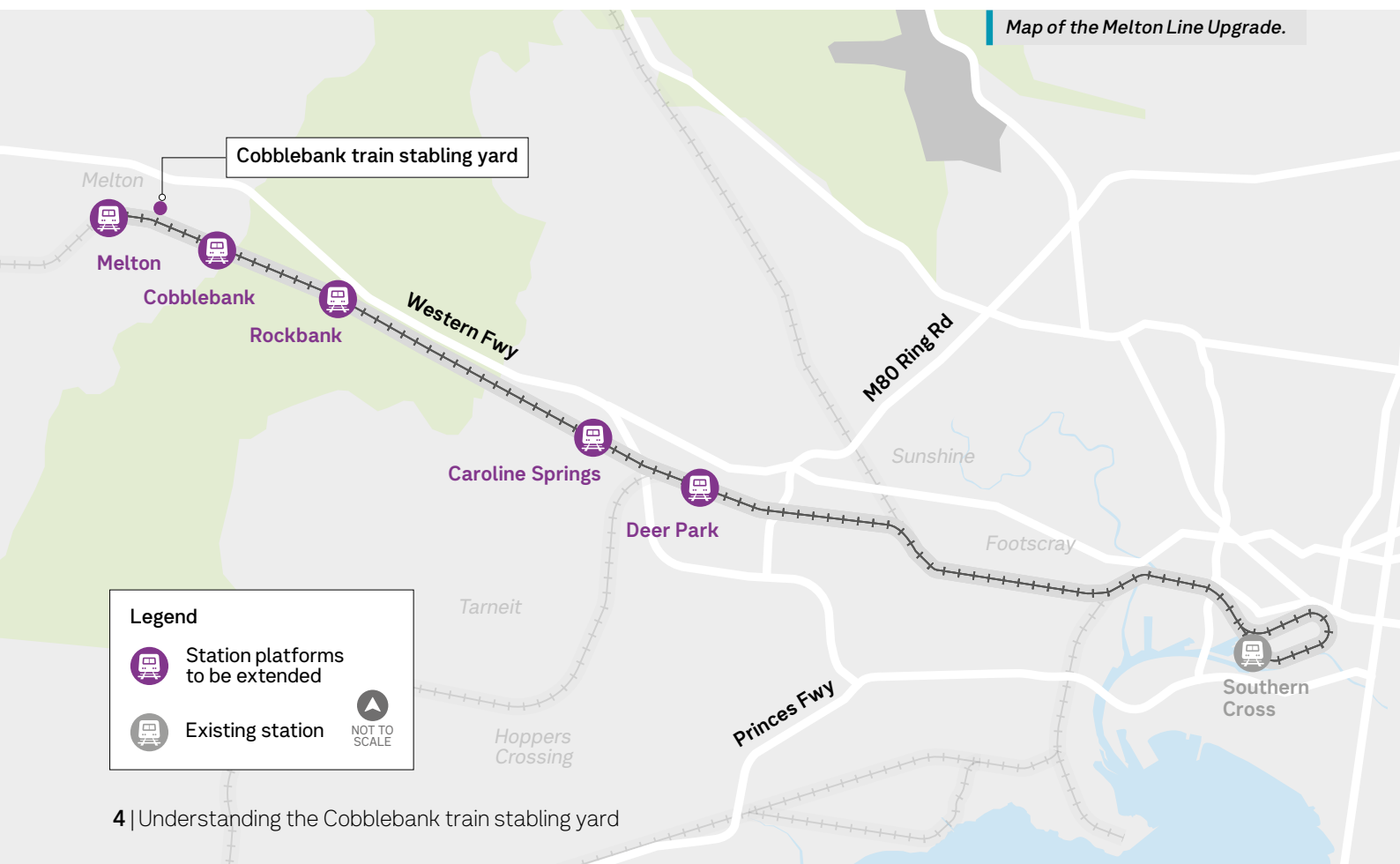
Construction will start on the new Cobblebank train stabling yard and platform extensions in 2026, ready for the nine-car VLocity trains to run on the Melton Line from 2027.

**This booklet outlines the design and operations of the new Cobblebank train stabling yard.**

### Project benefits

- Longer nine-car VLocity trains running on the Melton Line from 2027
- Increasing passenger capacity by 50 per cent
- More doors for boarding
- Nine-car VLocity trains servicing Melton, Cobblebank, Rockbank, Caroline Springs and Deer Park stations
- New Victorian-built VLocity fleet

The Level Crossing Removal Project, is delivering the Melton Line Upgrade, including the Cobblebank train stabling yard on behalf of the Victorian and Australian governments.



A VLocity train parked at the Shepparton stabling yard



## About the Cobblebank train stabling yard

**When nine-car VLocity trains service the Melton Line from 2027, they'll be stabled at a new yard in Cobblebank.**

A train stabling yard is where trains are stored and cleaned, ready to begin service the next day. The Cobblebank yard will be future proofed for Metro trains when the Melton Line is electrified in the future.

The Abey Road location will allow services to begin efficiently at Melton Station and reduces the need for new train tracks and other disruptive works.

The Cobblebank train stabling yard will include:

- stabling for six nine-car VLocity trains and future proofed for Metro trains
- staff facilities and utilities buildings
- signalling and communication systems, including a train radio tower
- connection to the Melton Line
- CCTV and lighting
- landscaping around perimeter
- vehicle access off Abey Road
- access roads and parking for workers and train drivers
- water retention basin.

**The stabling yard will be future proofed to stable Metro trains when the Melton Line is electrified in the future.**

## Site considerations

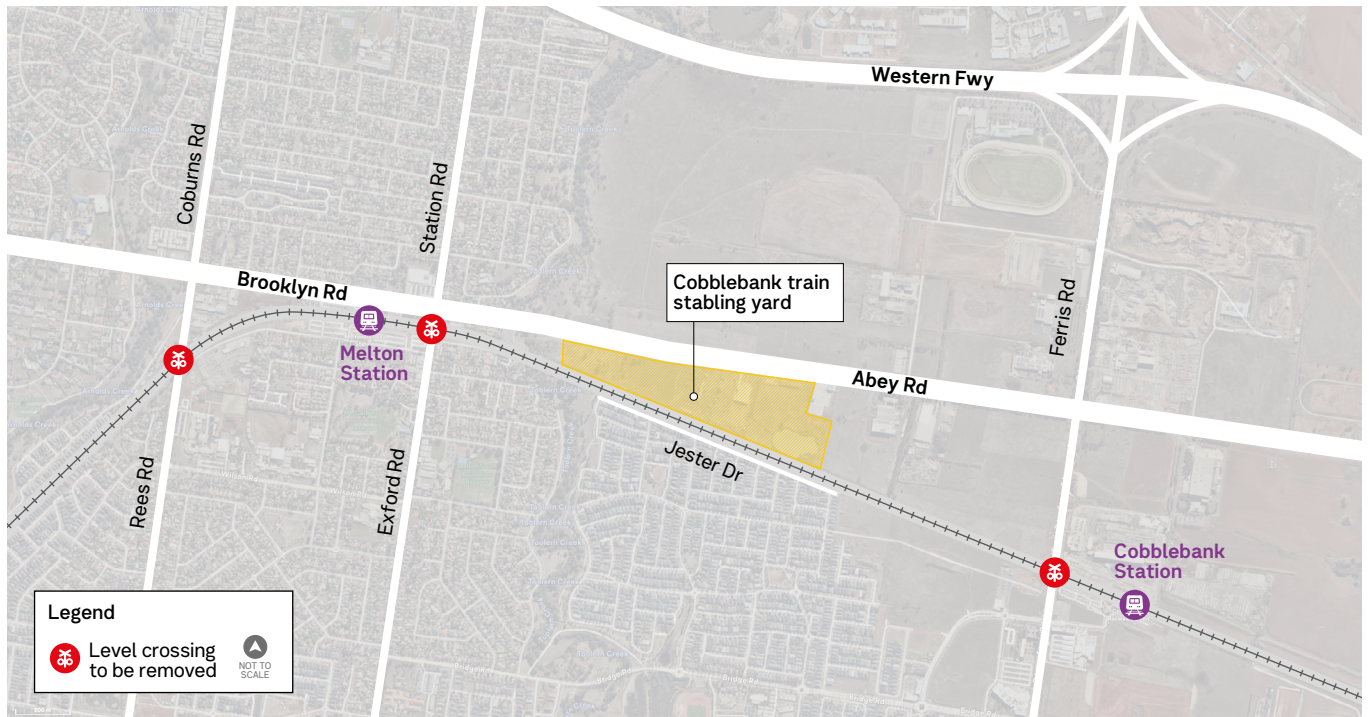
**When assessing locations for the new stabling yard for nine-car VLocity trains and future Metro trains, one of the key considerations was reducing the amount of time empty trains are running on the line.**

The Abey Road, Cobblebank location was selected due to its close proximity to the new Melton Station and the Melton Line. This location reduces the need for new train tracks and other disruptive works.

Stabling the new trains 700 metres east of the new Melton Station allows the nine-car VLocity trains to

travel efficiently to the new Melton Station, ready for first services to the city and will support trains running efficiently between Melton and the Southern Cross.

When the Melton Line is electrified in future, Metro trains will run to and from Melton Station with the new Melton Station the end of the metropolitan line.



## Operations

**The train stabling yard will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week to allow for trains to be cleaned internally and stabled when they are not in service. No train maintenance works will occur at the within the stabling yard.**

### Noise

Once complete, there will be noise generated from trains, train horns and normal operations of the stabling yard.

This may change the noise levels in the surrounding area.

We're conducting noise modelling to ensure operational noise levels comply with all relevant noise legislation and guidelines.

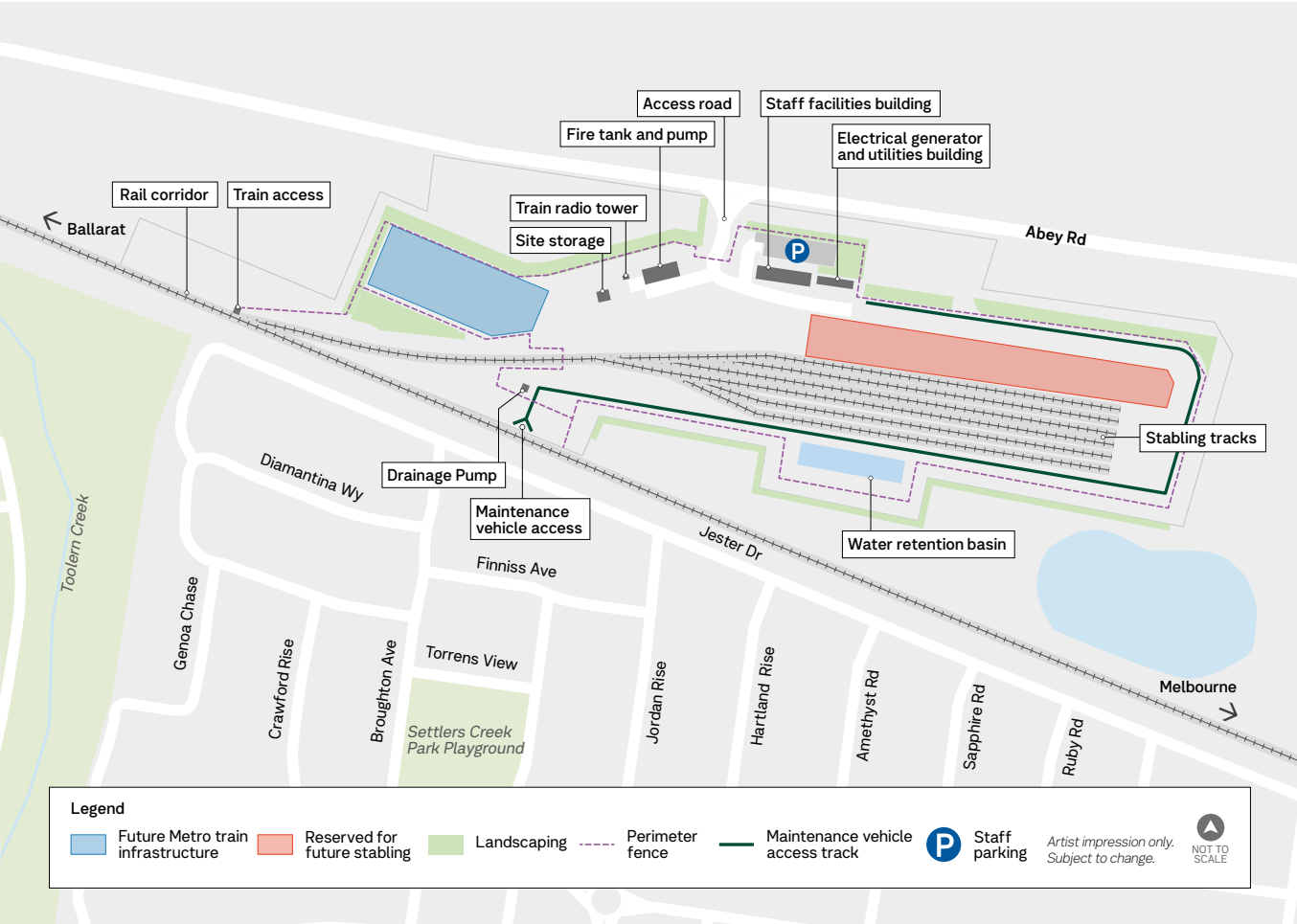
### Lighting

For safe operation of the stabling yard, lighting will be required 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're designing the stabling yard to avoid unnecessary lighting and minimise light spill beyond the boundary of the yard.










We've designed a lighting plan which utilises directional lighting that will be focused within the yard and around the facilities.



# Stabling yard design



## The Cobblebank train stabling yard will feature:

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|---|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  | Stabling tracks for six nine-car VLocity trains and future proofed for Metro trains |  | Staff facilities and utilities buildings                           |  | Landscaping around perimeter  |
|  | Vehicle access of Abey Road   |  | CCTV and lighting  |  | Connection to the Melton Line |
|  | Access roads and parking for workers and train drivers                              |  | Signalling and communications systems, including train radio tower |  | Water retention basin         |



## Construction

**Construction will begin in early 2026, with new nine-car VLocity trains starting services on the Melton Line from 2027, one year ahead of schedule.**

To minimise impacts to passengers we'll align construction works with the nearby Melton level crossing removal project.

Where possible we'll minimise the construction impacts for the local community and we'll implement appropriate mitigation measures. Disruption will be temporary and we'll work closely with those affected to ensure a high level of communication is maintained throughout construction.

We'll manage our construction activities in line with Environment Protection Authority Victoria guidelines including the Civil construction, building and demolition guide (Publication 1834).

**Nearby residents and businesses in Cobblebank may be impacted by noise, vibration, and dust during construction. We'll provide more information about the construction program as well as keeping the local community informed in advance of any impacts.**



**Before construction begins, we work closely with qualified arborists and sustainability and environmental specialists to minimise the impacts to local flora and fauna including no impacts to the nearby land along Toolern Creek.**

### What to expect during construction

To build the new stabling yard, we'll need to undertake earthworks for the foundations of the yard and to install the stabling tracks. We'll also need to install underground electrical and train signalling services, as well as build the staff and utility buildings.

At times there may be minor traffic impacts on Abey Road and surrounding streets as construction equipment and materials are transported to and from the site.

### Project timeline



**2022**

- Project announced



**2024**

- Cobblebank train stabling yard announced
- Community engagement



**2025**

- Site investigations
- Melton Line Upgrade fast-tracked
- Planning approval for the Cobblebank train stabling yard



**2026**

- Construction starts on Cobblebank train stabling yard and platform extensions
- New Melton Station opens



**2027**

- Construction continues
- New Cobblebank train stabling yard open and platform extensions complete
- Nine-car VLocity trains run on the Melton Line

*\* Timeline subject to change.*



# Make a planning submission

## We're seeking planning submissions for the new Cobblebank train stabling yard.

Planning approval for the Cobblebank train stabling yard, will be sought from the Minister for Planning under Clause 52.03 (Level Crossing Removal Project) of the Melton Planning Scheme. We are seeking planning submissions on a range of planning matters including:

- project boundary
- construction-related impacts
- environmental impacts and management
- amenity
- trees and vegetation removal
- any other relevant matters.

All submissions received will be summarised in a consultation report, to inform the Minister for Planning's assessment of the project.

To make a planning submission visit [engage.vic.gov.au/mlu](https://engage.vic.gov.au/mlu) by **11.59pm, Sunday 5 October 2025**. To request a paper form, call **1800 105 105** or email [contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

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To make a planning submission and to view the project boundary

Scan the QR code or visit [engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-cobblebank-stabling-yard](https://engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-cobblebank-stabling-yard) by **11:59pm, Sunday 5 October 2025**.



### Stay up to date

For more information about the new Cobblebank train stabling yard and the Melton Line Upgrade visit [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/melton-line-upgrade](https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/melton-line-upgrade)

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