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THE PROBLEM

Strathbogie Shire is located in the Hume Region, approximately 90 minutes from Melbourne. It is comprised of the vibrant townships of Avenel, Euroa, Longwood, Nagambie, Strathbogie and Violet Town. The shire covers over 3,300 square kilometres and has a population of over 10,000 people.

Strathbogie has frontage to two major rail lines; the North East and Shepparton lines. Currently services provided on these lines are inadequate; plagued with breakdowns, limited and unreliable services and overcrowding. Residents also have limited access to bus services for transportation within the shire and to surrounding areas.

THE SOLUTION

Reliable and timely public transport services are crucial to ensuring the liveability of rural and regional Victoria. The Strathbogie Shire needs equality in public transport services to assist in catering for the population growth that is currently placing pressure on Melbourne and other major cities.

Public transport is crucial to connecting communities to their jobs, medical appointments, events and educational opportunities.

THE ASK

Project	Description
Improved Vline Services	New trains and more regular services on the North East rail line
Bus services	Bus services for Longwood and Graytown communities Regular buses providing east-west transport and to connect passengers to more frequent trains in Seymour and Shepparton
Upgrade Bank Street Railway crossing	Upgrade needed for the crossing which is currently confusing and hazardous for drivers

THE RESULT

- ✓ A better connected and more productive regional Victoria
- ✓ Satisfied public who regularly use the North East line which has had ongoing issues for a number of years
- ✓ Future economic growth in the region and the infrastructure to support residential and commercial development
- ✓ Decentralisation of Melbourne to rural and regional areas



