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### **Fyansford railway line to be salvaged and the corridor cleaned**

The Department of Transport and VicTrack have agreed on a program to remove the old rail infrastructure along the Fyansford railway corridor, David Koch, Member for Western Victoria Region and Andrew Katos, Member for South Barwon announced today.

"Communities in Herne Hill, Hamlyn Heights, North Geelong and Bell Park have been calling for this corridor to be salvaged for many years. In listening to the community, the Baillieu Coalition Government has announced within the first 100 days of taking office it will remove this line," Mr Koch said.

"The works will include the removal of the tracks, sleepers, sleeper panels, ballast and road pavement at four redundant level crossings. Reinstatement of the road, kerbing, pedestrian footpaths and pedestrian crossings will complete these works."

Mr Katos said he acted immediately upon receiving a letter from Cr Eddy Kontelj further highlighting safety concerns particularly in the Bell Park area.

"I raised the safety concerns with the Minister for Public Transport and Roads, the Hon Terry Mulder MP, and I was delighted with his quick reply," Mr Katos said.

"Councillors Eddy Kontelj and Stretch Kontelj must also be congratulated for their strong representations on behalf of their community over a very long period of time," Mr Katos said.

"This line has been closed for more than ten years and I am pleased that the Baillieu Government has acted quickly in response to the community's ongoing concerns."

Minister Mulder, who inspected the railway corridor, said that "the Fyansford line was a loyal servant to the Cement Works since 1918, however the days of cars going over railway crossings on Church Street, Douro Street, Thompson Road and the Midland Highway will soon be over."

"The project is estimated to take 5 months to complete and will commence in the coming weeks," Minister Mulder concluded.