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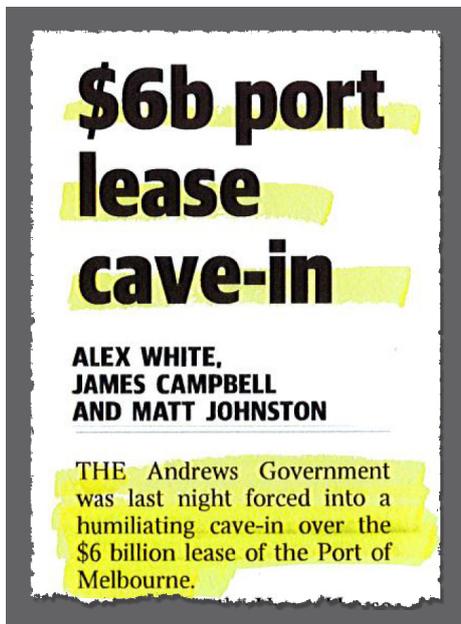
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Coalition Wins a Better Deal for Victoria

As you may have read, the Liberal National Coalition has struck a deal with the Andrews Government to sell the Port of Melbourne. The original Bill would have seen the port sale fetch more money on the open market, but would have had adverse effects for years to come. Thanks to the Coalition, we have ensured that this deal would benefit all of Victoria, not just Melbourne.



widening the heads would see Melbourne lose the new class of ships, to Sydney and Queensland, something our state shouldn't miss out on.

The Coalition also fought hard to ensure that this deal would benefit all of Victoria not just inner Melbourne. To this end we were successful in getting the Government to agree that 10% of the sale must be spent on regional transport solutions. This could be up to \$700 million in extra funding for regional transport, a huge win for regional Victorians.

This shows Victorians that not only can the Coalition work with the Government to achieve better outcomes but we can hold the Government to account to ensure that Victorian's don't get a raw deal.

The Coalition will continue to ensure the Government considers the position of all Victorians with future legislation.



I was able to attend a tour of the ongoing restoration of Parliament House. This project is helping restore the building to its former glory, plus the added bonus of being waterproof again. They are using local sandstone sourced from a quarry in Gosford and bluestone from a quarry in Port Fairy. There are around 20 stonemasons working on the project.

The original proposal was for a 70 year lease, with compensation for a second port to be paid for the full term. This would hamstring Victoria to one port for the next 70 years, a bad outcome no matter your view.

However, the Coalition held fast and would not give in on both the term and the length of compensation. The new deal that we have agreed to includes a lease of 50 years and 30 days, with compensation strictly limited to the first 15 years, not the full term. The new contract will not contain the poison pill of a full compensation period.

As I have spoken about in the past, this is a good outcome. We will need a second port in the future to deal with larger container ships. A single port without

Free Passes to Melbourne Victory Game

We have 10 free passes to a Melbourne Victory game. We will give them out to the first 10 to come to our office. Limit 1 per individual. They must be activated by April 6, 2016 or else they expire. First come, first serve!



Pillars Causing Issues for Local Residents

Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Luke Donnellan needs to act on the issues surrounding the current popularity of the Pillars. The popularity has led to serious issues with traffic and pedestrian access to the site. VicRoads needs to undertake the necessary works to resolve the current serious traffic and road safety concerns in that area. There is now very high pedestrian activity on the Esplanade in an area that does not have shoulder treatments for pedestrians.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire sought two actions. It sought vegetation trimming and the implementation of a speed limit reduction. The vegetation trimming requested was along the edge of the road seal. The second area was the introduction of a reduced speed limit.

VicRoads has suggested to the shire that it would be possible to do a variable speed limit from 9am to 9pm. This wouldn't be reasonable as it would require a traffic management company changing the speed limits twice daily, which is extremely impracticable.

"This is an urgent matter. We need the Minister to put his attention towards it now. The evidence is clear. We need him to act and we need him to deal with this issue before we have an inevitable tragedy." David told Parliament.



New PenBus Route Falls Short

Minister for Public Transport announced a new bus route, number 887, to service the Mornington Peninsula's students, earlier this year. The announcement was met with great fanfare as the formerly federally funded PenBus has reached its allocated funding. This new bus route was supposed to be the much hailed solution to the PenBus problem.

The original PenBus ran from Rosebud all the way to Monash's Clayton campus, however this new line ends at the Monash Peninsula Campus. PenBus in the past enabled students to get to classes at both the Peninsula and Clayton Campus. The press release announcing the 887 claimed this service would be timed to coincide with Monash Inter-campus shuttles, but has failed to do so. Students who need to get to Clayton by 8:00 am are unable to as the 887 doesn't get to the Peninsula Campus early enough.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire and Monash have held

talks with Ventura Bus Lines, who have indicated they could adjust the timetable to better suit students arriving for 8:00am classes and 6:00pm classes. Monash has indicated they could commit to extra inter-campus services to meet the earlier bus timetable. The Shire has requested these changes from Minister Allan, to deliver a better result for local students.

"The proposed change to the timetable would allow the Minister to actually deliver on the claims she made in her 5 February release. I urge her to take the Mayor's advice and make the necessary changes and actually deliver a service that does solve the problems of Peninsula tertiary students." David told Parliament.

