

Major contracts awarded for Australian rail programme

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The 129-year-old Armadale Line's transformation is another step closer with contracts awarded for the METRONET Byford Rail Extension and Victoria Park-Canning Level Crossing Removal projects.

The **Victoria Park-Canning Level Crossing Removal Project**, to be delivered by the Armadale Line Upgrade Alliance (Acciona Construction, BMD Constructions, WSP and AECOM), will also include removing William Street level crossing and building a new elevated Beckenham Station after federal funding was committed to the project.

This will now see the project:

- replace six level crossings at Mint Street, Oats Street, Welshpool Road, Hamilton Street, Wharf Street and William Street with elevated rail
- build five new elevated stations at Carlisle, Oats Street, Queens Park, Cannington and Beckenham
- create around six hectares of versatile public space and better community connections through elevated rail.

The **Byford Rail Extension** contract has been awarded to MetCONNx Alliance (Laing O'Rourke, Pritchard

Francis Consulting and Kellogg Brown & Root) and will help create better transport connections for Serpentine Jarrahdale through:

- a new ground-level Byford Station with around 400 parking bays, a bus interchange, and pedestrian connections
- elevating rail through Armadale, with a new Armadale Station
- removing eight level crossings at Armadale Road, Forrest Road, Church Avenue, Seventh Road (pedestrian level crossing), Byron Road, Eleventh Road, Thomas Road and Larsen Road – with works already underway on the Thomas Road project.

Collectively, these projects will support around 8,500 jobs and will see Perth's first major elevated rail through sections of Victoria Park, Canning and Armadale, with up to 14 level crossings removed for good along the Armadale Line.

With the expanded project scope to include William Street level crossing, the planned 18-month Armadale Line Shutdown will now start in late-2023.

This will allow more time to plan and will see the Byford Rail Extension and [Thornlie-Cockburn Link](#) projects open in 2025 – once the new elevated Armadale Line is operational.

The changed time frame ensures commuters are only impacted for one AFL football season instead of two, and avoids major events such as the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.