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COALITION GOVERNMENT TO SCRAP LABOR'S CLEARWAY CHANGES

A Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition Government will scrap the Brumby Government's blanket changes to clearway times within a 10 kilometre radius of the CBD.

The Coalition will also examine infrastructure options for improving traffic flow in existing streets.

Small business is the backbone of our economy. The Coalition supports and will continue to support small business.

Under a Coalition Government, clearway times will revert to what they were.

The Coalition will consult with councils, business and property owners regarding congestion and parking improvements. The Coalition supports strip shopping centres and small business and this will be a key consideration at all times.

The 10 kilometre blanket change to clearway times reeks of a lazy and arrogant government that is not prepared to undertake the consultation, and a Premier not prepared to do the hard yards.

Through the Parliament on behalf of many small businesspeople, the Coalition sought the documents upon which the government made their decision to extend clearway times but the Brumby Government refused the request.

Labor's justification for the clearways extension is that a tram passenger travelling daily from Box Hill to Port Melbourne would save 96 seconds each way, and bus passengers on busy routes would save 60 seconds each way a day.

Business owners should not be forced to bear the cost of the Brumby Government's failure to improve public transport or provide solutions to traffic congestion.