

PETER MALINAUSKAS MP Labor Leader

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More than 1000 bus services cut or shortened every week

Labor is launching a full-blown campaign to stop the Marshall Liberal Government's cruel cuts to bus and train services, as new analysis reveals the full extent of the first round of cuts.

From January 27, bus passengers across the metropolitan area will have their services cut. Analysis of the cuts reveals more than 720 individual services each week will be cut, while more than 450 services each week will be shortened.

This means more than 1,170 services will be cut or shortened every week.

What's worse, this is just a fraction of the full \$46 million worth of cuts in the budget.

Commuters have already endured a summer of pain with services slashed over the Christmas and New Year period - but there is worse to come.

The changes mean passengers will face longer waits at the bus stop, longer travel times and more convoluted multi-bus journeys.

From today, Labor volunteers and MPs will be at bus stops and train stations across the north, south, east and west; speaking with affected commuters and collecting signatures for a petition.

The Marshall Liberal Government has treated bus, train and tram commuters with contempt, cutting funding for the Footy Express, cancelling free public transport for the Christmas Pageant and Christmas Day and cancelling all train services for the weekend of the Adelaide Oval test match.

Quotes attributable to Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas

The Marshall Liberal Government's cruel cuts to public transport will hurt thousands of people who rely on these services.

Public transport is for people, not for profit.

We've already had a taste of what's to come with extended cuts over the Christmas period leading to packed buses, late buses or no buses at all. Things will only get worse in the Marshall Liberal Government delivers its \$46 million worth of cuts in full.

Steven Marshall clearly doesn't care, but thousands of commuters rely on buses, trains and trams to get to and from work.

Cutting more than 720 services and shortening more than 450 services will going to have a significant impact on people's day-to-day lives.

The message from the Liberals to public transport users is clear: you don't count.

Labor will always stand up and fight for bus and train commuters and the services they rely upon for their everyday lives.

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