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Geoff Howard MLA, Member for Ballarat East

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RAIL SERVICES SET TO RETURN TO CRESWICK

Geoff Howard MP, State Member for Ballarat East, met with Minister for Transport, Lyn Kosky to announce that as part of the \$50 million Brumby Labor Government project to return passenger services to Maryborough that V/Line trains will stop at Creswick.

Ms Kosky said, "Early design works have started for a new platform style stop opposite the existing station. Unfortunately due to the cost and additional works it would be very expensive to upgrade the existing station to V/Line standards and comply with DDA requirements."

The new platform will be located on the Creswick town side of the rail line and will provide all day parking for commuters to Ballarat or Maryborough or for people taking Regional Fast Rail services to Melbourne.

Mr Howard said, "This is great news for Creswick residents as it will give them great rail service opportunities near to their doorstep."

Construction is expected to start later this year and will be completed in time for the first passenger service to start in the middle of next year.