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Metro Trains Melbourne Council Update

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our stakeholders of their rights and responsibilities around railway stations.

Permits and Station Access

Metro supports a variety of activities, including community events, arts, filming, photography, and cultural celebrations at stations across our network.

As safety is the foundation of everything we do and may impact staff, operations, passengers and other members of the public, they require permission in the form of a Station Access Permit. Each request is individually assessed.

Please visit metrotrains.com.au/corporate/permits-and-station-access for permit information and timeframes.

Distributing Political Material and Campaigning on the Metropolitan Rail Network

The purpose of this information is to clarify restrictions on campaigning on leased railway land in Melbourne. These restrictions always apply but are especially pertinent in an election year.

Whilst we appreciate the need to disseminate political information, we must provide a reminder of the regulations pertaining to distribution of political materials on or near Metro's railway rolling stock and properties.

Broadly, regulations prohibit the distribution of political materials on trains, on platforms and within the Metro rail lease area. Metro's lease boundary will generally include all station platforms, buildings, train station foyer, carparks including internal roadways, footpaths, bridges, stairs, lifts and access ways with station carparks.

Section 30(2) of the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) (Conduct on Public Transport) Regulations 2015 prohibits the distribution of handbills while in or on a public transport vehicle, or public transport premises unless written authorisation is received.

Section 18 of the Metro Franchise Agreement -Train -Passenger Experience Module prohibits any advertising to be applied in Stations or to Franchise Assets (for example, trains) that promotes a political party, parties, or a political cause.

Hence, we are not able to offer any political candidate the opportunity to canvas or distribute information on any part of Metro's railway lease or on any train services. This includes filming and photography on or near Metro's railway lease or vehicles, which require a permit.

We ask that you remind candidates on campaigning restrictions on the metropolitan train network ahead of the upcoming local council elections.

Yours sincerely,



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