

I read the transport bill that was being given out at Chadstone shopping centre. The focus once again was the development of roads. I understand that Melbourne Airport was due to have a rail link, but because of internal politics and money raised from carparking this did not happen, and could have when the road was being developed.

On long stretches of road, statues of fake hotels, or rakes or whatever are there to provide drivers with cues so that they do not get disorientated, lost and crash, the road toll, through drink and drugs increases and we have greater and greater impact on climate change, not only through the road users, but also through the concrete tarmac and other materials required to make new roads.

As we consumers try desperately to find alternatives to the car we pack ourselves onto trams and trains like sardines, with rail lines that buckle in the heat. We take our lives in our hands on our bicycles as the bicycle lanes and shared with car-parking.

It is virtually impossible to get around the city unless you are on a radiant line out from the city. there is nothing which circumnavigates Melbourne.

I was recently in England and travelled all around the UK on public transport even sharing a carriage with the CEO of South West trains who proudly told me that they had invested billions recently on new carriages cutting their emissions by 36%. We could be buying new fuel efficient carriages.

What about travel interstate, finding a timetable is torture, not to mention pathetic connections. I have tried many times to get to North of NSW and to Adelaide by train for work and pleasure but schedules have prevented me from doing so.

Also if there was a carbon price on things public transport would compete wonderfully with air travel and our businessmen would be able to work as they chose en-route.

Why is it that the answer to the question is roads?

Kind Regards

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