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Building more capacity on the Gawler line with new electric trains

The Marshall Government has revealed that capacity on the Gawler line will increase by around 15 per cent in peak periods once the Gawler Rail Electrification Project is complete.

This Gawler line is Adelaide's most heavily patronised rail line, carrying around 21,000 of the approximately 60,000 train commuters on average per weekday.

The announcement comes as Bombardier Transportation Australia (Bombardier) have been awarded a contract variation to supply the 12 new electric trains (permanently coupled three car sets) to service the Gawler line once electrified.

Once operational, there will be 15 electric trains servicing the Gawler line as there is a surplus of three electric trains servicing the Seaford and Tonsley lines.

Importantly, this will not impact service frequency on the Seaford or Tonsley lines.

"The Marshall Government is continuing to invest in Adelaide's public transport network to drive patronage growth and deliver more customer focussed services," said Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government Stephan Knoll.

"One of the ways we can encourage more South Australians to hop on a train, tram or bus is by increasing capacity on the network where it needs it.

"The Gawler line is our busiest rail line and that's why we are building more capacity on that line.

"Once the electrification project is complete, we will see an increase in capacity during peak periods of around 15 per cent.

"We also have the ability to increase capacity even further by turning these three car trains into four car trains in the future if required.

"There are a host of housing, commercial and business developments underway or touted to begin in and around our northern suburbs.

"That's why building this additional capacity into the newly electrified Gawler line is so important, so we can provide a fast, efficient and customer focussed public transport service to accommodate this development.

"This builds on other public infrastructure that the Marshall Government is delivering including the \$125 million Flinders Link Project and \$33.5 million for Park 'n' Rides along the O-Bahn."