



PRACTICAL GUIDE

Commute & Transport Worksheet

Score any suburb on rail, tram, bus, freeway and bike access, with a 30/60-minute isochrone framework.

Measure properly

- Door-to-desk, not 'suburb to CBD'.
- Test at 8am Tuesday, not Saturday afternoon.
- Compare car, train, tram options each separately.
- Add 10 minutes for parking or walking at each end.

Tipping points

- Under 30 minutes: minimal lifestyle impact.
- 30 to 45 minutes: manageable but reduces evening time.
- 45 to 60 minutes: significant lifestyle drag; usually requires hybrid work.
- Over 60 minutes: only viable with 2 to 3 office days per week.

Public transport reliability

- Metro train cancellations and delays at ptv.vic.gov.au performance reports.
- Belgrave, Lilydale, Cranbourne lines have lower on-time performance.
- Frankston and Sandringham lines have better reliability.
- Bus connections add 15 to 25 minutes outside walking distance.

Strategic considerations

- WFH days reduce commute weight in decision; build a 5-year forecast.
- Future infrastructure (Suburban Rail Loop, Metro Tunnel) materially changes commute math by 2030.

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