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## Metro Tunnel Project: Phase 3 – Systems Integration, Testing and Commissioning

### About this audit

The \$12.8 billion Metro Tunnel project, which includes 5 new underground stations, is key to the government's plans to improve Melbourne's rail system.

The project is now in the complex phase of integrating, testing and commissioning systems. This includes integrating signalling and communication systems and testing trains in the tunnel.

In this audit we examined if the project is progressing as planned.

### What we concluded

The Metro Tunnel is meeting its design and safety requirements. But it won't meet its contracted completion date and it will cost the government more to finish it.

We made 3 key findings.

### Key finding 1:

The government set design and safety criteria for the Metro Tunnel. The agencies delivering the project can show they're meeting these requirements, which means it's safe to run trains in the tunnel.

### Key finding 2:

The project will likely be finished in June 2025, which is 9 months behind its contracted completion date.

But this date is in line with government's public commitment for the tunnel to open by the end of 2025.

### Key finding 3:

The project has insufficient contingency funding left but there are still issues that agencies need to address, such as the tunnel's impact on hospitals and universities.

This means the state will need to pay more to finish the project.

## What we recommended

We made 3 recommendations to the agencies delivering the project about:

- updating the government on the project's revised timeline and budget
- resolving the tunnel's remaining impacts on hospitals and universities
- and applying lessons learnt to other major projects.

## More information

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