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# Melbourne's West Gate Tunnel to open on Sunday, Premier Jacinta Allan announces



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Melbourne's West Gate Tunnel will be ready to take motor vehicles from Sunday, say sources. (*Supplied: West Gate Tunnel*)

## In short:

Melbourne's West Gate Tunnel project will be ready to welcome motorists within days.

The project, which provides another road link between the CBD and Melbourne's booming west, has been plagued by cost blowouts and delays.

In a post on social media, Premier Jacinta Allan confirmed the project would officially open on Sunday.

Melbourne's troubled West Gate Tunnel will finally be ready to welcome motorists on Sunday.

The project, which is three years overdue, provides another major road link between the city's booming western suburbs and the CBD.

In a post on social media site X, Premier Jacinta Allan confirmed the project would officially open on Sunday.

It comes after she repeatedly declined to confirm the date when asked about the tunnel on ABC Radio Melbourne earlier on Friday morning.

"We're working through the details and we'll confirm that date very soon," she said.



Thousands of Melburnians got their first look inside the tunnel last month. (ABC News: Leanne Wong)

The project was initially costed at \$5.5 billion with just \$400 million of taxpayer investment, but that has since blown out to \$10.2 billion with the state chipping in \$4.2 billion.

Melburnians got their first look inside the tunnel last month when it

opened to foot traffic for a "discovery day" that saw 50,000 people walk through the tunnel.

The event was held despite protests from the United Firefighters Union (UFU) which claimed the tunnel had not undergone adequate safety checks.

The government and Major Road Projects Victoria dismissed those concerns and said the tunnel had been sufficiently tested.

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