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Rail industry welcomes opening date for METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) has welcomed this week's announcement that the Forrestfield-Airport Link will open on Sunday 9 October.

ARA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said the opening of the METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link was an important milestone in delivering the 8.5km passenger line to Perth Airport.

"With an average of 20,000 passenger trips expected each day on the new rail line in its first year of operation, METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link will transform how those living in Perth's eastern suburbs and foothills move around the city," Ms Wilkie said.

"It will also support domestic and international tourism by making access between the city and Perth Airport quicker and easier for residents and visitors."

The METRONET Forrestfield-Airport Link will also deliver three new train stations at Redcliffe, Airport Central and High Wycombe, stimulating the development of new station precincts.

Ms Wilkie said that passenger rail projects like this are uniquely positioned to drive urban renewal.

"Train stations are anchors for neighbourhoods and the development of new stations can often be the launch pad for further residential and commercial development in the surrounding areas," Ms Wilkie said.

"METRONET will not only transform Perth's transport network but is creating thousands of local jobs and supporting many WA businesses."

Commissioning on the project is now entering its final stages, with driver training underway.

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