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Don't dismiss people's fears

For anyone to dismiss people's fears about travelling on public transport as a "perception issue" (Lilydale Leader, 3/5/10) is to ignore the fact that under the Brumby Government's watch, assaults have risen by 70 per cent.

The Coalition has already announced plans to put 1600 more police on the beat plus a further 100 transit police. We have also committed to providing 940 Protective Services Officers on our transport networks after dark seven days a week. These initiatives will vastly improve community safety and restore public confidence for commuters travelling on our public transport system.

John Brumby has simply denied any problem exists and maintained the fiction that Victoria is the safest state in Australia. If crime is down in Victoria why has he copied our policy announcement?

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