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Refurbished Railcars Come to Gawler

The first railcars refurbished under the State Government's \$2 billion revitalisation of Adelaide's public transport entered service on the Gawler line last week.

Light MP Mr Tony Piccolo said the refurbished railcars will provide passengers with a cleaner, safer and more comfortable journey.

Mr Piccolo said the State Government is spending \$37 million to refurbish the 70 3000/3100 series railcars as part of the unprecedented commitment to revitalise the public transport system.

Preliminary refurbishment was completed in at end of last year with the installation of 900 new glass windows.

Mr Piccolo said the refurbished trains will make using rail more enjoyable and comfortable for the thousands of commuters from Gawler and the surrounding areas who use Adelaide's train system each year.

Mr Piccolo said commuters will notice many improvements including automated doors, better security, improved customer information, and, importantly, major improvements to meet Disability Discrimination Act requirements."

Other enhancements include:

- new seating
- increased space under the seats to maximise the space for passengers and passenger comfort
- priority seats identified in red
- allocated spaces for wheelchairs which also feature assistance request button
- special audio loops for passengers requiring hearing assistance
- an area to stow bikes
- more CCTV cameras
- a passenger emergency call facility at each doorway
- new passenger information system providing automated announcements of the next stop and a visual display at each end of the rail car
- improved hand straps and seat grips
- improved weather shielding
- graffiti resistant flooring

The three refurbished carriages are running on two afternoon services to Gawler and the remaining 67 carriages will appear progressively until mid 2012.

Mr Piccolo said it was anticipated that from now, refurbished rail cars will be rolling out about every six weeks so hopefully commuters will all catch a look at what we've achieved.