

Julien Dehornoy succeeds David Franks as CEO of Keolis Downer in Australia

Julien Dehornoy has been appointed CEO of Keolis Downer and will take over on 9 January 2023 from David Franks, who is moving back to the UK after five years of successfully deepening the company footprint including new bus operations in Sydney and rail operations in Adelaide. With a strong focus on customer experience, supporting the local economy and sustainability, Julien's priority will be to grow Keolis Downer's footprint while bringing innovative service to passengers and supporting the energy transition throughout Australia.

After joining Yarra Trams / Keolis Downer in 2019, Julien was appointed CEO in 2020 and led the team operating the world's largest tram network during the challenging health pandemic. In parallel with keeping trams operating continuously and the workforce safe throughout Covid, Julien was instrumental in the delivery of transformative projects which saw two thirds of the tram fleet overhauled, travel times improve and workforce incident rates halved. In addition to his extensive operational experience in Australia, Julien brings 20 years experience working in rail and the public transport industry across three continents and the private and public sectors.

Keolis Group Chairwoman and CEO Marie-Ange Debon said, *"I would like to thank David Franks for his leadership over the eventful past five years. Despite challenges like the health pandemic and the energy crisis, our Australian activities have flourished with the addition of emblematic networks including Adelaide's commuter rail and a 400-strong bus network in Sydney, many of which will be converted to e-buses. Julien Dehornoy is the ideal profile to build on Keolis Downer's momentum by bringing his operational experience at Melbourne's iconic Yarra Trams network as well as his in-depth knowledge of the Australian mobility market. I have no doubt that Julien's track record in mass transit in the public and private sectors in Australia, France and the United States will also prove invaluable in enhancing the passenger experience and accelerating the energy transition down under."*

[About Keolis Downer](#)

Keolis Downer is a leading operator of public transport services in Australia. With more than 5500+ employees and a presence in five states, Keolis Downer enables 350 million passenger journeys per year. We operate and maintain the Adelaide Metro train services, the largest tram network in the world in Melbourne (Yarra Trams), the light rail network on the Gold Coast (G:link), and more than 1,300+ buses in New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

Established in 2009, Keolis Downer is a joint venture between Keolis, a leading public transport operator established in 13 countries, and Downer, the leading provider of integrated services in Australia and New Zealand. www.keolisdowner.com.au

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Keolis is a pioneer in developing public transport systems and works alongside public authorities who want to enhance shared mobility systems to grow the appeal and vitality of their regions. A world leader in operating automated metro and tramway systems, Keolis and its partners and subsidiaries Cykleo, EFFIA, Hove, Keolis Santé, Kisio and support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, on-demand transport, transport for people with reduced mobility, driver and sea shuttle services, bikes share services and long-term rental, car sharing and fully electric driverless shuttles. In France, Keolis is the second largest provider of parking management solutions through its subsidiary EFFIA, and the country's leader in medical transport since the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017. The Group is 70%-owned by SNCF and 30%-owned by the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (Quebec Deposit

and Investment Fund) and employs 68,000 people in 13 countries. In 2021, it posted revenue of €6.3 billion. In 2019, 3.4 billion passengers used one of Keolis' shared mobility services. www.keolis.com

* Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, India, the Netherlands, Qatar, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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