

Buses drive anti-Labor protest

BUS operators have launched a new campaign attacking the Andrews Government, with buses covered in anti-Labor messages to be driven through marginal electorates.

Operators across Melbourne's transport network have refused to sign new contracts over conditions that would lead to them selling key assets within the next decade.

They have been given the choice of signing 10-year

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contracts allowing the government to buy buses and depots or sign shorter agreements spanning five or seven years that allow them to hold on to their equipment.

Yesterday, a bus with a "Don't trust Labor" slogan was driven on the Nepean Highway, with other key marginal seats to be targeted in coming weeks.

Bus Association of Victoria executive director Dr Chris Lowe said more than 400 operators across Victoria supported the move.

"(The operators) are not going to go down without a fight and they are prepared to fight right up until election day," he said.

Minister for Public Transport, Jacinta Allan, said Melbourne deserved a network that put passengers first.