



## RCV welcomes Labor's \$250 million commitment to regional infrastructure

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Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) has welcomed Labor's announcement today that if elected, it will establish a \$250 million *Regional Infrastructure Development Fund*, including dedicated funds for the 10 regional cities.

"Regional Cities Victoria is thrilled with today's announcement that an Andrews Labor government would create a \$250 million *Regional Infrastructure Development Fund*, including dedicated funds for the 10 regional cities, which will help our cities deliver projects such as CBD revitalisation," RCV Chairman, Cr Michael Neoh said.

"Investment in Victoria's regional cities - particularly in infrastructure - is vital to ensuring the ongoing growth of not only regional Victoria, but the state as a whole.

"Labor's commitment would provide an opportunity for regional cities to transform their CBDs into vibrant and active areas which will help stimulate local businesses, create local jobs and foster continued growth in regional areas," Cr Neoh said.

RCV comprises the 10 largest cities outside metropolitan Melbourne – Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga.

In the lead-up to the election, RCV called on both the Coalition and Labor to commit to investing \$100 million for Victoria's regional cities to deliver CBD revitalisation.

"RCV has advocated strongly for the need to focus on regional jobs, which will underpin sustainable growth in regional cities and rural communities and reiterates its support for Labor's \$200 million *Regional Jobs Fund*," Cr Neoh concluded.

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