



INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT & SKILLS KEY ASKS FOR RCV

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The future of Victoria's regions will be put in the spotlight this week as Mayors and CEOs representing Victoria's 10 largest regional cities visit Canberra to meet with members of Parliament.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Regional Cities Victoria are meeting with key ministers and their offices, as well as local members who represent regional cities. Discussions are taking place regarding important issues for regional Victoria, including financing for infrastructure; road and rail transport; and skills and training.

"RCV has a record of successfully partnering with all sides of politics to drive policies in key areas for regional cities," RCV Chairman, Cr Michael Neoh said.

"We have enjoyed particular success at a state level with the new Victorian Government making a number of commitments to regional cities, including the allocation of \$100m for the revitalisation of our CBDs. We are now turning our attention to Canberra ahead of next year's federal election."

With the federal Budget only weeks away and the Senate Inquiry into regional capitals underway, Cr Neoh said it was the right time to foster RCV's relationships at the federal level.

"Victoria's regional cities are key to the sustainable growth and economic success of our state. RCV will continue to work with federal and state representatives to ensure the voices of regional cities are heard, and that their important role as centres that support wider regions is recognised," Cr Neoh said.

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

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Photos of RCV's Executive Management Group with members of parliament are available on request.

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