



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## STATEMENT REGARDING \$1.5 BILLION REGIONAL RAIL OUTCOME

Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) welcomes the agreement reached by the Victorian and Federal Governments regarding the state's regional rail network.

The package will deliver meaningful improvements to rail infrastructure across regional Victoria.

We commend the State and Federal Governments for resolving the funding dispute and delivering a strong package for regional Victoria.

While there will be more investment required into the future, this is strong commitment to regional rail and sets Victoria on a promising path.

Improved regional rail means easier, faster transport corridors between greater Melbourne and regional cities, and between regional cities and rural catchments.

Today's announcement will boost productivity and deliver commercial, economic and social benefits to regional Victoria.

We look forward to working with both levels of Government on shaping policies around transport and connectivity into the future.

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