



MEDIA RELEASE

Regional Cities Victoria welcomes airport rail commitment

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Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) Chair Margaret O'Rourke has welcomed today's announcement from the State Government that it will fund the Airport Rail Link project, with the selection of the Sunshine route deemed the best possible outcome for regional Victoria.

Quotes attributable to Cr Margaret O'Rourke, Chair of Regional Cities Victoria.

"Regional Cities Victoria has been a strong advocate on the need for Airport Rail to be integrated into the broader V/Line network. The selection of the Sunshine route will do just that – it's the best possible outcome for regional Victoria."

"Establishing a hub at Sunshine will enable connectivity to the regional network and truly benefit all Victorians."

"RCV has always recognised the potential of the Airport Rail Link to transform our regional rail network. This has been contingent on the project being much more than train services between Melbourne CBD and the airport."

"Adopting the Sunshine route will unlock regional Victoria and ensure fast rail to key regional cities remains high on the agenda."

"We welcome today's announcement from the State Government and look forward to seeing this project becoming a reality."

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Note: RCV has long advocated for an Airport Rail Link project that incorporates regional Victoria. View previous RCV media releases calling for the Sunshine route: '[Airport Rail must include regional cities](#)' and '[Airport Rail to unlock regional Victoria](#)'

RCV is a regional leadership group dedicated to building a sustainable Victoria by providing strategic advice, coordination and advocacy to State and Federal Governments to support policies which enable Victoria's regional centres to grow and develop. Comprising Mayors and CEOs of the 10 largest cities in regional Victoria – Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga – RCV is focused on achieving real change in regional Victoria through policy development and active implementation of those policies