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Regional Cities Victoria congratulates Andrews government on re-election

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Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) congratulates the Hon Daniel Andrews MP and the Victorian Labor party on their success in the 2018 state election.

RCV Chair Cr Margaret O'Rourke said the re-election of the Andrews government would mean policy continuity for regional local governments and provide certainty for regional Victoria.

"Regional cities have significant potential for growing the state's economy and provide a unique lifestyle alternative to Greater Melbourne," said Cr O'Rourke.

"RCV has been advocating for improved transport and digital connectivity across regional Victoria, and further investment to support regional jobs growth."

In the lead up to the state election RCV met with representatives from the major parties to discuss regional transport infrastructure, jobs and population attraction to regional cities, and ways to improve the financial sustainability and performance of regional local governments.

"RCV were fortunate to meet with Premier Andrews and several of his key ministers throughout the year to discuss at length the RCV policy platform *Growing Regional Victoria*.

"We look forward to continuing this productive and robust working relationship in the next term of the Andrews government," Cr O'Rourke said.

RCV also acknowledges the willingness of Opposition Leader Matthew Guy MP, Nationals Leader Peter Walsh MP, and their parties, to engage with regional cities and discuss the concerns and priorities of regional Victoria.

Growing Regional Victoria can be viewed online [here](#).

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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