



RCV welcomes Coalition's \$100 million commitment to regional cities

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Regional Cities Victoria has welcomed the Coalition's announcement today that if re-elected, it will commit \$100 million as part of the Regional Growth Fund for a new *Regional Cities Infrastructure Program*, to assist regional cities deliver projects such as CBD revitalisation.

"Regional Cities Victoria is delighted with today's announcement that a re-elected Napthine government will invest \$100 million as part of the Regional Growth Fund for a new *Regional Cities Infrastructure Program*, to assist Victoria's regional cities continue their growth and transform city centres into vibrant and active areas," RCV Chairman, Cr Michael Neoh said.

"This investment will go a long way to helping transform regional city centres, by increasing liveability and providing greater opportunities for local businesses and in turn, local jobs," Cr Neoh said.

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

RCV called on both the Coalition and Labor to commit to \$100 million for the 10 regional cities in the lead up to the election.

"Victoria's regional cities are key to the sustainable growth and economic success of our state. The provision of cultural and social support to regional and rural communities, and regional city centres play an important part in this," Cr Neoh said.

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