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RCV congratulates Albanese Government on re-election

Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) congratulates Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the Australian Labor Party on success at the 2025 federal election.

RCV Chair Shane Sali said RCV cities have the space to grow and prosper.

“What we need is equitable and sustainable investment to fast-track construction of more homes, fill critical jobs, improve resilience to natural disasters and ensure councils are financially sustainable so we can deliver services people rely on,” Cr Shane Sali said.

“RCV has consistently advocated to our federal representatives for policies to address critical workforce shortages, upgrade local roads, and build more homes.”

RCV’s priorities for investment from the 48th Commonwealth Government include:

- \$1 billion annually through the Growing Regions Program and the Regional Precincts and Partnership Program, together with a commitment that 25 per cent of all infrastructure funding allocated to Victoria will be spent on projects in regional Victoria;
- \$1.5 billion annually through the Housing Support Program to connect essential services (water, power, sewerage) and upgrade local roads and intersections;
- return of flexibility for regional councils to determine local priorities under a noncompetitive four-year Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund, supporting maintenance of both roads and important community facilities;
- indexing Roads to Recovery funding once it reaches \$1 billion from 2027-28, to reflect the increasing costs of building and maintaining local roads;
- inclusion of infrastructure betterment provisions within Category B and Category C of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, because building community infrastructure resilience is not an exceptional circumstance; and
- investment in a new Safer Regional Cities initiative to fund CCTV and other crime prevention initiatives in Victoria’s largest regional centres.

“Victoria’s regional cities underpin region-scale economies, liveability, and support regional Australia’s economic growth,” Cr Sali said.

“With the right investment and policy settings regional Victoria can house a greater proportion of the state’s population and contribute to the nation’s economic prosperity.”

Further information regarding RCV’s regional priorities can be found [here](#).