

SEATS REPORT - AUGUST 2015

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOBS, TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES (DEDJTR)

Regional Network Development Plan

The Victorian Government is preparing the Regional Network Development Plan to set out priorities for regional public transport services, infrastructure and investment over the next 20 years.

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) is leading a program of engagement with communities and stakeholders across regional Victoria to seek feedback on ideas, issues, opportunities and priorities, through an online discussion portal, survey and facilitated workshops.

Workshops were held across Gippsland from 22 June to 16 July and were well attended and it was good to see many SEATS delegates at the workshops providing valuable input.

Road Maintenance

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan visited Gippsland in mid-July. During the visit he announced an extra \$80 million investment for road resurfacing under the Road Surface Replacement Program.

Under the program, Victoria's eastern region will receive a \$10.4 million boost this year, which will see resealing repair works undertaken on more than 130 sites across key roads, including the South Gippsland Highway, Bass Highway and Great Alpine Road.

Gippsland Logistics Precinct

The State Government has committed \$10 million from the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund for Latrobe City Council to develop the Gippsland Logistics Precinct (GLP).

The GLP is a 72 ha site predominantly consisting of vacant paddocks located adjacent to the Gippsland rail line at Morwell. DEDJTR has established a Project Control Group (PCG) which had its initial meeting 5 August 2015. The PCG will provide high level technical advice to help shape the investment from a policy and operational perspective.

Agriculture Infrastructure and Jobs Fund

The State Government announced a \$200 million fund to support investment in agricultural infrastructure and supply chains. The fund will be established following the successful passage of the Port of Melbourne lease legislation through Parliament.

The Fund will be available for projects and programs which wholly benefit the agriculture sector including transport. Local Government will be eligible to apply and this should provide an opportunity for first and last mile issues on local roads that service agriculture to be addressed.