

## **SEATS REPORT – AUGUST 2017**

### **Gippsland Line Upgrade and Avon River Bridge Upgrade**

The Victorian Government and the Federal Government have reached agreement on the funding of the Regional Rail Revival Program (\$1.5 billion).

The program will provide \$95 million for the Avon River Bridge Upgrade removing temporary speed restrictions and paving the way for future additional services and rail freight.

In addition a further \$435 million Gippsland Line Upgrade package will deliver more trains more often and a safer more reliable journey and also pave the way for more services to Bairnsdale.

The project which is still being scoped will include such things as;

- 20 level crossing upgrades along the line
- Extended track duplication near Moe
- Extended crossing loop at Morwell
- Second platforms at some stations
- Duplication between Traralgon and Morwell
- Signalling upgrades
- Track duplication Bunyip to Longwarry

### **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) and associated supply chain improvements.

The GLP is a 72 ha site generally consisting of vacant paddocks located adjacent to the Gippsland rail line at Morwell. DEDJTR established a Project Control Group (PCG) which is meeting regularly. The PCG is providing high level technical advice to help shape the investment from a policy and operational perspective.

### **Latrobe Valley Authority**

Latrobe Valley Authority was established late 2016 by the State Government and is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the \$266 million support package committed by the Victorian Government in response to the Hazelwood Power Station closure.

Transport is working with LVA to provide a number of smaller projects for their consideration. The more important role of transport however, is to assist as an enabler for business and industry growth and to this end we are also working with LVA and Regional Development Victoria.