

SEATS Report

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

Victorian State Government priorities that affect the SEATS Region

Melbourne Metro - impact on the Dandenong Rail Corridor

Fifty rail crossing grade separations – impact on the Dandenong Rail Corridor

Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund

Regional Infrastructure Development Fund

Gippsland Logistics Precinct, Morwell - \$10 million 2015/16 budget announcement

The Government has also committed to a \$1b country roads program and prompt construction of the Westgate Distributor, a new road which will divert port-bound trucks off the Westgate Bridge.

Warragul Station Precinct

The Warragul Station Precinct project consists of the construction of a new road underpass under the Gippsland Railway to connect Queen Street to Alfred Street in Warragul, and construction of a new car park and bus interchange for station users on the south side of Warragul Station. Total project cost is \$26 million.

The project was completed in April 2015.

DEDJTR transport driving economic development

From a regional transport perspective the priority focus to support regional economic development includes:

- Coordination of multiple transport agency (VicRoads, PTV, VLine, VicTrack and local Government) planning to support economic growth and industry competitiveness.
- Greater use of more efficient and higher-productivity freight vehicles.
- Enhanced last/first miles of supply chains.
- Asset management strategies to improve freight efficiency.
- Connect communities to employment, services, and social activities.
- Address freight bottlenecks, particularly in towns and cities.
- Rail upgrades to meet growing passenger demand and encourage more freight onto rail.
- Improve liveability in regional communities.