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Infrastructure Investment Program

Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal

Victoria

Australian Government Funding: \$1.62 billion

Project description

The 2022-23 Budget provides \$1.2 billion towards the Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal (BIFT), taking the total commitment to \$1.62 billion. BIFT is one of the two new intermodal terminals proposed for Melbourne. The delivery of BIFT also includes Australian Government funding of up to \$280 million to deliver key road upgrades to ensure a direct and efficient connection from the Beveridge terminal to the Hume Highway. BIFT will be delivered in time for the commencement of Inland Rail services and will be able to process double-stacked trains from opening.

The proposed Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal package is expected to include:

- A fit-for-purpose intermodal freight terminal, with capacity and technology to handle and process 1,800 metre double-stacked Inland Rail freight trains.
- On-site warehousing to enable terminal users to load and offload on site.

This investment by the Commonwealth towards the project includes partial funding already provided by the Australian Government. This Commonwealth commitment is contingent on Victorian Government support for the Australian Government’s investment in Victorian intermodal terminals.

This project forms part of the Melbourne Intermodal Terminal Package, which includes the delivery of two new terminals in Melbourne and connecting infrastructure. One terminal will be delivered in Beveridge, in Melbourne’s north, in time for Inland Rail and one in Truganina in Melbourne’s west. The Victorian Government’s long term freight strategy highlights the need for terminals at both locations.

Jobs supported

- **Intermodal terminals (BIFT and WIFT):** Around 1,350 jobs during peak construction and a further 550 jobs during peak operation.

Project benefits

- Improved efficiency and network reliability.
- Improved freight productivity.
- Reduced congestion and improved travel times.

Project timelines

- **Beveridge Phase 1 & road connections:** Completion in time for Inland Rail

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