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Infrastructure Investment Program

Western Interstate Freight Terminal

Victoria

Australian Government Funding: \$740.0 million

Project description

The Western Interstate Freight Terminal (WIFT) is one of the two new intermodal terminals proposed for Melbourne. The delivery of WIFT also includes Australian Government funding of up to \$920 million to deliver the Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR) Rail South connection. This will ensure single stacked freight trains will be able to access the WIFT.

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

- A fit-for-purpose intermodal freight terminal, with capacity and technology to handle and process single-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 is contingent on a funding contribution from the Victorian Government and 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

- TBC (delivery expected to align with completion of the OMR Rail South connection)

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