

## Business Case for Melbourne Inland Rail Intermodal Terminal

**State/Territory:** Victoria

**Proposed AG funding:** \$10.0 million

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will support the development of a business case with the Victorian Government to explore options for developing a new intermodal terminal in Melbourne capable of meeting the Inland Rail performance capability. The scope of the business case will include (but is not limited to):

- defining the business need;
- alignment with government objectives of Inland Rail;
- integration into the broader transport network and wider network dependencies;
- options for delivery; and
- economic, technical, financial, environmental, social and risk assessments of the proposed intermodal terminal.

The business case is expected to be jointly funded on a 50:50 basis with the Victorian Government.

### PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Efficient intermodal terminals in Melbourne are critical to realising the benefits of Inland Rail, and also provide broader economic benefits including improving the competitiveness of Australia's freight supply chain.

Government involvement will ensure that intermodal terminals, with sufficient capacity to accommodate double-stacked 1,800-metre trains, are available to support Inland Rail in Melbourne from the commencement of services in 2025.

### PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Improve freight productivity and alleviate traffic pressure on the existing road network/road safety.**
- **Improve freight efficiency, connectivity and travel time.**
- **Improve connectivity between major freight infrastructure including airports and commercial and industrial areas.**