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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

BUDGET 2024-25 VICTORIA



Victoria

North East Link

Commitment

At the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government committed an additional **\$3.25 billion** towards the North East Link project. These new investments are towards the non-tolled components of the project, including the M80 Ring Road Upgrades, NEL Connections and Eastern Freeway Upgrade packages of work.

The new Australian Government commitment towards the project is **\$5 billion**.

Project Scope

The North East Link project will construct a new motorway between the M80 Ring Road at Greensborough and the Eastern Freeway at Bulleen Road. It will also widen and upgrade the existing Eastern Freeway, and construct Melbourne's first dedicated busway with express lanes along the Eastern Freeway from Doncaster towards the city.

Timeline

The project commenced construction in November 2021 and is expected to be completed by late 2028.

Project Objectives

- Improved access and shorter travel times for high volumes of both freight and commuter traffic between Melbourne's north and south-east.
- Improved amenity by taking trucks off local streets in Melbourne's northern suburbs and increasing capacity on the Eastern Freeway.
- More resilient public transport, with reduced impact of road disruptions to the on-time running of buses.

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