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Victorian Freight Rail Investment a Win for Industry & Communities

The [Australian Logistics Council \(ALC\)](#) says that the [announcement](#) of a \$28 million investment from the Federal and Victorian Governments in a new freight rail line will deliver lasting benefits for the logistics industry and local communities.

Once completed, this new line will permit shuttles to run from Dandenong South directly to the Port of Melbourne, reducing pressure on the road network and promoting the environmental and community amenity benefits that flow from greater use of freight rail.

“Increasing the share of freight moved by rail can deliver a range of benefits for industry participants, for exporters and for local communities,” said ALC CEO Kirk Coningham.

“This project – which will connect to the \$125 million [Port Rail Transformation Project](#) (P RTP) being undertaken by the [Port of Melbourne](#) - will ultimately help to alleviate road congestion around the port itself, as well as congestion on roads around growing residential communities in Melbourne’s southeast.”

“Continued investment in freight rail solutions such as this will be critical to improving the efficiency and resilience of Australia’s supply chains and enhancing the liveability of our major cities.”

“This project is a welcome addition to other significant developments around freight rail. These include the NSW Government’s recent [decision](#) to fast-track planning approvals for the [Port Botany Rail Line Duplication](#) and [Cabramatta Passing Loop](#) projects in NSW, and the ongoing construction of [Inland Rail](#), which will play a key role in allowing Australia to meet its future freight task.”

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