

FEDERAL BUDGET 2022-23

WYNDHAM

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PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Wyndham City Council recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Custodians of the lands on which Australia was founded.

Council acknowledges the Wathaurung, Woiwurrung and Boonwurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands on which Wyndham City is being built.

Council pays respect to the wisdom and diversity of past and present Elders. We share commitment to nurturing future generations of Elders in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

INTRODUCTION

Wyndham City welcomes the opportunity to present our priorities for Federal Government consideration in the 2022-23 Federal Budget.

Wyndham's increasing population and available land for infrastructure presents key opportunities for Federal investment. As a growing outer suburban city, Wyndham is well positioned to be a liveable and sustainable post-COVID city with thriving local jobs, businesses and recreational spaces. Located in Melbourne's outer western suburbs, Wyndham is a vital hub that connects suburban centres to the surrounding regions of Victoria.

Existing infrastructure and services are not keeping up with our rapid population growth. The City's population is over 300,000 people and it is projected to reach over 500,000 people by 2040.

Major infrastructure projects and service improvements from the Federal Government will address our mounting congestion and transport challenges, and will ensure that much-needed services are accessible as the community grows.

Investments from the Federal Government in response to COVID-19 have supported Wyndham residents and further investment in the priorities outlined in this submission will further support the community as well as the recovery of the Australian economy.

The Wyndham City 2022-23 Federal PreBudget Submission focuses on opportunities for the Federal Government and Wyndham City to deliver shared priorities, that will help:

- support local jobs and create economic opportunities
- build better transport connections to make it easier to move around Wyndham
- build better communities through sport and recreation.



34%

of the Wyndham population come from non-English speaking countries, primarily from India, the Philippines, China, Pakistan and Malaysia



41%

of the Wyndham population was born overseas with residents coming from more than 162 different countries and speaking more than 170 different languages

ABOUT WYNDHAM

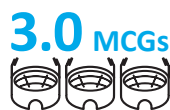
Wyndham is one of the largest and fastest growing municipalities in Australia, located in Melbourne's outer western suburbs. The Wyndham economy recorded a Gross Regional Product (GRP) of \$12.05 billion in June 2020, the second highest among all growth areas in Greater Melbourne.

There are over 12,000 businesses located within Wyndham, with jobs mainly predominantly within the retail trade, transport, postal, warehousing and manufacturing industries.

Wyndham's population is diverse and almost half our residents are born overseas, from 162 different countries. The community is dominated by younger generations, with 58% of our residents under 35 years. The population is forecast to grow to 500,000 people by 2040.



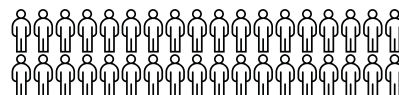
In 2021, the Wyndham population (302,650) can fill...



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By 2041, the population is expected to grow to 512,591 people



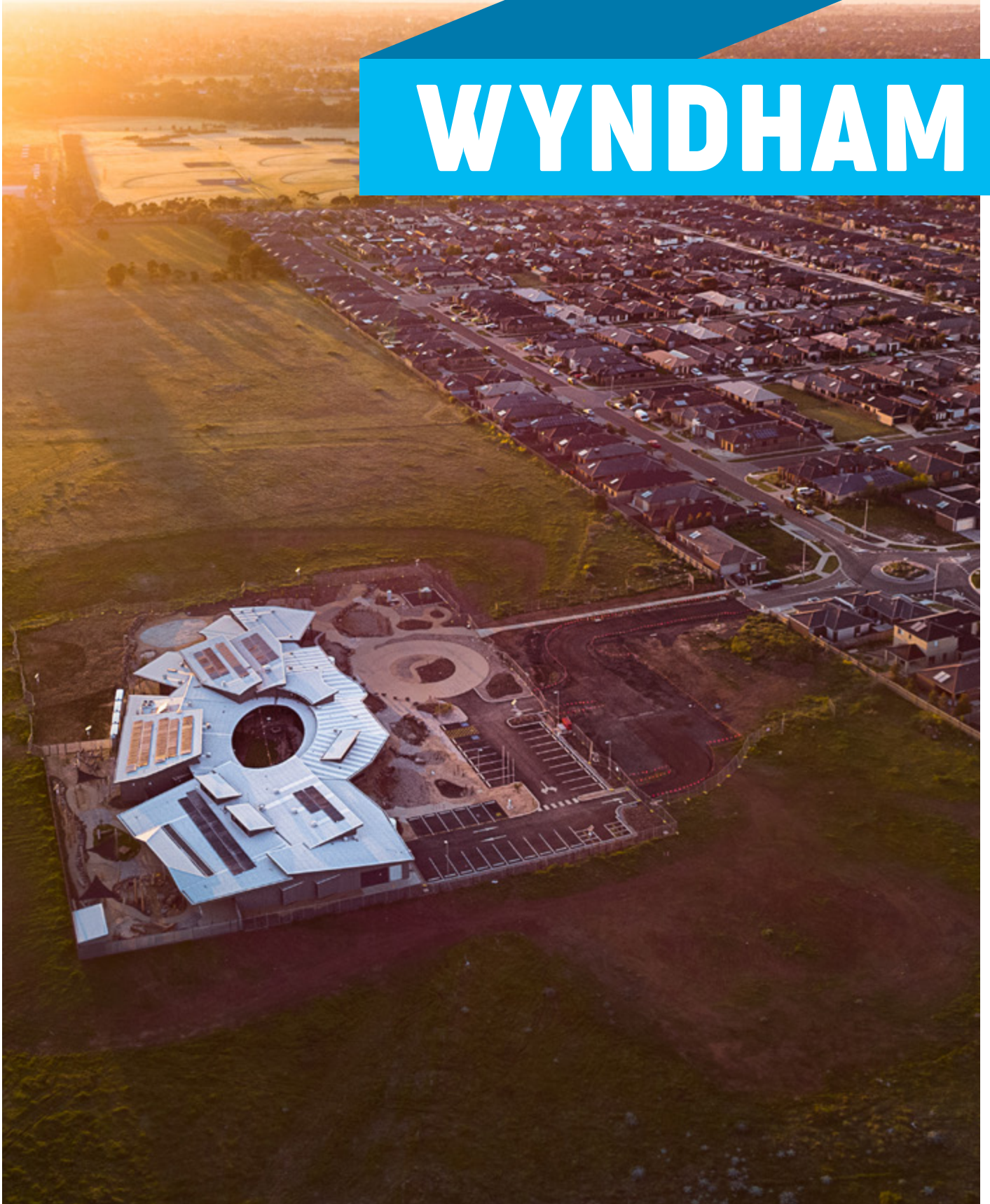
BUDGET SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Well positioned as a link between regional Victoria and Melbourne, Wyndham City is a strategic location for Federal investment. The Wyndham City 2022-23 Federal Pre-Budget Submission outlines opportunities for the Federal Government to invest in shared priorities to grow the Australian economy and support the Wyndham community. Further details on each project are provided throughout this submission.

OPPORTUNITY / PRIORITY	FUNDING REQUESTED	REQUEST	OUTCOMES
ACTIVATE EAST WERRIBEE AND UNLOCK THE WERRIBEE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND INNOVATION CLUSTER	\$50M	A \$50m investment from the Federal Government will kick start the design and development of an iconic, high job generating catalyst project: the Werribee National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC). The NEIC will help deliver a new 60,000 jobs target, supported by the development of an integrated transport strategy for the East Werribee Precinct and the delivery of a North and West Melbourne City Deal.	Activating the East Werribee Precinct will create 60,000 jobs, support existing community needs, absorb future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.
WYNDHAM WESTLINK	\$120M	A \$120 million investment from the Federal Government for construction of the rail overpass bridge.	Investment in the Wyndham Westlink will relieve high levels of congestion from traffic currently funnelled towards the Werribee City Centre, improve productivity and support an existing development corridor
OUTER METROPOLITAN RING TRANSPORT CORRIDOR	Release of existing \$62M funding from the Federal Budget 2021-22 (alongside the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal)	The Federal Government should commit to fully funding the Outer Metropolitan Ring Transport Corridor the 2022-23 Federal Budget. As a first step, this should include releasing a previous federal budget commitment of \$62 million for design work on the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal and the Outer Metro Ring rail connection.	Lifting productivity and growth through improved transport connectivity in the north and west of Melbourne between key employment and residential growth areas and linking key transport hubs.
WESTERN INTERMODAL FREIGHT TERMINAL	Release of existing \$62M funding from the Federal Budget 2021-22 (alongside the Outer Metropolitan Ring Transport Corridor)	The Federal Government should commit to construction of a new rail freight terminal at Truganina, in line with the business case for the Melbourne Intermodal Terminal. As a first step, this should include releasing a previous federal budget commitment of \$62 million for design work on the terminal and the Outer Metro Ring rail connection.	Economic and employment opportunities for residents across Wyndham and the region– up to 39,000 new jobs.
NORTH AND WEST MELBOURNE CITY DEAL	Agree and deliver a North West Melbourne City Deal	The Federal Government to complete the Federal initiative for a North and West Melbourne City Deal. This would cover investment in a range of transformative and enabling projects for the development of Western and Northern regions of Melbourne.	A blueprint for the region to respond to the impacts of the pandemic in the immediate and medium-term, and to reform our economy for the future.
GROWTH AND JOBS – GEELONG FAST RAIL AND OTHER MAJOR RAIL PROJECTS	Include improved rail connections between Geelong and Wyndham, including a stop in Wyndham, as part of the existing \$2B investment in Geelong Fast Rail	The Federal Government’s investment of \$2 billion in the Geelong Fast Rail should include capacity for these trains to stop in Wyndham and for these services to be integrated with plans for the Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.	Create more economic, education and employment opportunities by improving rail connections between key western suburban and regional centres.
OPPORTUNITY WYNDHAM – LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE	\$1M over 3 years	Federal Government investment of \$1 million over 3 years to match Victorian Government funding.	Assist people experiencing barriers to employment to find work while supporting local business to secure local talent and sustainably employ local people.
SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE	\$25M	A \$25 million Federal Government contribution to a major new indoor sports and aquatic facility, costed at \$75 million.	Meet growing local demand for team sports, provide physical and mental benefits through greater community participation in sport and recreation activities.
FINANCE FOR GROWTH AREAS	\$13.6M	The Federal Government should return Financial Assistance Grants to one per cent of Federal taxation revenue in the upcoming Federal Budget. This represents \$13.6 million in additional Financial Assistance Grants for Wyndham City and \$1.8 billion nationally.	Enable Councils to plan and deliver a pipeline of critical social infrastructure projects their community needs, when they need it.

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OPPORTUNITY: ACTIVATE EAST WERRIBEE AND UNLOCK THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND INNOVATION CLUSTER

REQUEST: A \$50m investment from the Federal Government will kick start the design and development of an iconic, high job generating catalyst project: the Werribee National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC). The NEIC will help deliver a new 60,000 jobs target, supported by the development of an integrated transport strategy for the East Werribee Precinct and the delivery of a North and West Melbourne City Deal.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Activating the East Werribee Precinct will create 60,000 jobs, support existing community needs, absorb future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.

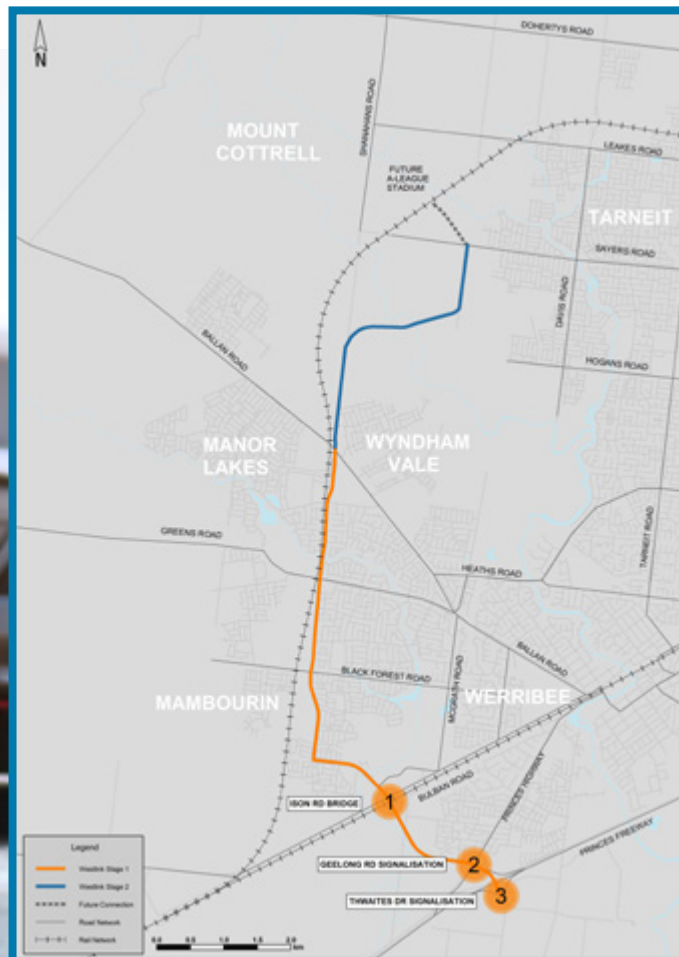
Wyndham City is asking the Federal Government to commit to activating East Werribee and unlocking the Werribee National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC), in partnership with the Victorian Government. This will create 60,000 new, high quality and secure jobs.

The Federal Government has the opportunity to activate East Werribee through an integrated approach that will deliver the ‘Capital of Melbourne’s New West’. This investment will support existing community needs, absorb future population growth, and build a more prosperous, productive and sustainable Wyndham.

Creating 60,000 jobs, this project provides the opportunity to build a different sort of hub – one with forward looking transport systems, green construction practices, appropriate housing and a wide range of easily accessible jobs.

Activating East Werribee, as part of the Werribee NEIC, will help ease congestion challenges for Melbourne, boost employment options closer to where people live, generate new industries and learning opportunities, and deliver more health and community services for the western region.

An integrated transport strategy that connects the NEIC of Sunshine and Werribee will also capture the collective benefits of the Geelong Fast Rail, Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.



OPPORTUNITY: WYNDHAM WESTLINK

REQUEST: A \$120 million investment from the Federal Government for construction of the rail overpass bridge.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Investment in the Wyndham Westlink will relieve high levels of congestion from traffic currently funnelled towards the Werribee City Centre, improve productivity and support an existing development corridor

Wyndham City is asking the Federal Government to invest in Wyndham Westlink. Federal Government investment in the Westlink road project will address congestion and boost productivity in Wyndham's western suburbs.

A continuous link connecting rapidly developing residential areas in the west of Wyndham to the Princes Freeway, Westlink will provide an alternative for traffic currently funnelled towards the Werribee City Centre. This will relieve high levels of congestion in Wyndham's north and west, and enable direct travel between developing residential areas, and employment and education precincts.

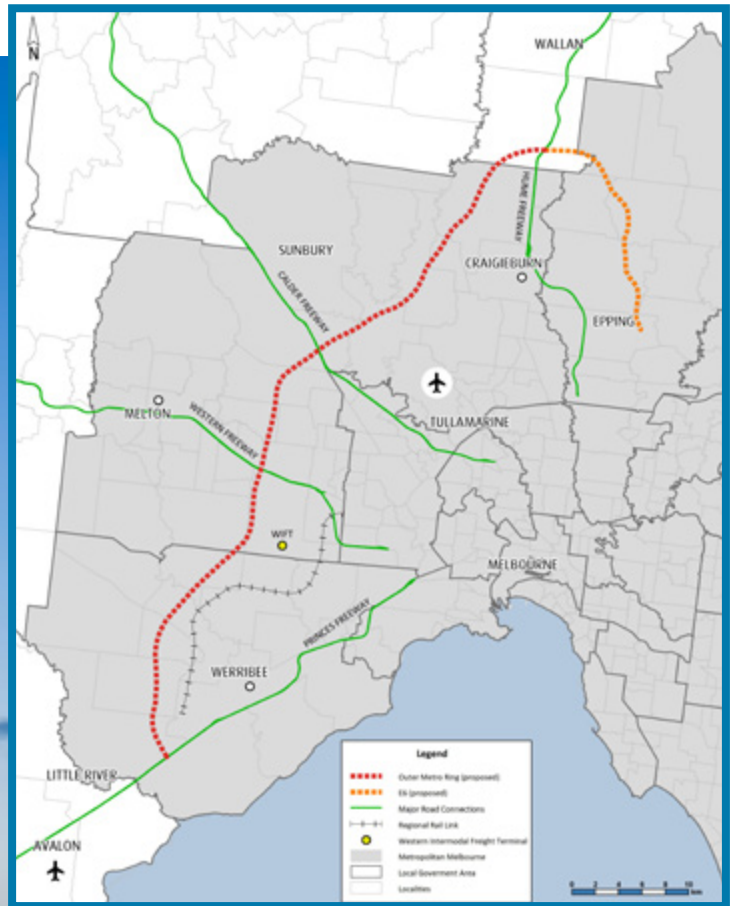
The Westlink project includes:

- Construction of a four-lane Ison Road bridge over the Melbourne-Geelong railway line and additional works required at the Princes Freeway interchange
- Signalisation of the Geelong Road roundabout

- Signalisation of the Princes Freeway off-ramp intersection with William Thwaites Drive

The Ison Road Bridge rail overpass is a key feature of Westlink. The rail overpass will connect two sections of Ison Road across the Melbourne-Geelong railway line, enabling freeway access from Wyndham Vale, Manor Lakes and Tarneit.

The Victorian Government has provided funding for early works for the construction of the Ison Road Bridge over the railway line and to develop a business case for upgrades to the Princes Freeway interchange. Wyndham City is seeking additional commitments to further progress this project.



OPPORTUNITY: OUTER METROPOLITAN RING TRANSPORT CORRIDOR



REQUEST: Fully fund the Outer Metropolitan Ring Transport Corridor. As a first step, this should include releasing a previous federal budget commitment of \$62 million for design work on the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal and the Outer Metro Ring rail connection.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Lifting productivity and growth through improved transport connectivity in the north and west of Melbourne between key employment and residential growth areas and linking key transport hubs.

Wyndham City, along with other councils in the north and west of Melbourne, is requesting that the Federal Government fully funds the development of the Outer Metropolitan Ring / E6 project in the 2022-23 Federal Budget, building on an initial commitment of \$10 million in the 2021-22 Federal Budget.

The Outer Metropolitan Ring Transport Corridor is a proposed 100-kilometre-long high-speed transport link for people and freight in Melbourne's north and west. The connection from west of Werribee to the Hume Freeway at Kalkallo would include a freeway together with railway tracks in the median for interstate freight and high-speed passenger trains.

The Outer Metropolitan Ring will transform Melbourne and the surrounding regional areas, creating better connections to key transport hubs such as Melbourne Airport, Avalon Airport, the Port of Geelong, and the proposed Western Intermodal Freight Terminal.



OPPORTUNITY: WESTERN INTERMODAL FREIGHT TERMINAL

REQUEST: Commit to construction of a new rail freight terminal at Truganina, in line with the business case for the Melbourne Intermodal Terminal. As a first step, this should include releasing a previous federal budget commitment of \$62 million for design work on the terminal and the Outer Metro Ring rail connection.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Economic and employment opportunities for residents across Wyndham and the region— up to 39,000 new jobs.

Wyndham City, along with the Melton City Council, western regional organisations and industry partners, is asking the Federal Government to commit to the proposed Western Intermodal Freight Terminal in Truganina as the location for the new Melbourne Intermodal Rail Freight Terminal. This will drive Melbourne's economic and employment growth.

The Western Intermodal Freight Terminal is a project of national significance which will capitalise on the benefits to be delivered by the Federal Government's Inland Rail project, currently under construction.

The Federal Government has committed \$2 billion to fund a new rail freight terminal in Melbourne and a business case prepared with the Victorian Government has found that Truganina is the best site,

being located close to around 50 per cent of existing interstate freight rail customers.

The precinct would include a rail terminal for transfers between trains and trucks, and connected related freight and logistics activities. Establishing this interstate rail freight terminal and warehousing precinct will create 39,000 jobs and boost commercial productivity in Wyndham and the outer west.



OPPORTUNITY: NORTH AND WEST MELBOURNE CITY DEAL

REQUEST: The Federal Government to complete the Federal initiative for a North and West Melbourne City Deal. This would cover investment in a range of transformative and enabling projects for the development of Western and Northern regions of Melbourne.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: A blueprint for the region to respond to the impacts of the pandemic in the immediate and medium-term, and to reform our economy for the future.

Wyndham City is calling on the Federal Government to commit to working with State and Local governments to agree and deliver a North and West Melbourne City Deal.

Councils across the western and northern regions of Melbourne have worked together to develop the North and West Melbourne City Deal Plan, a 20-year proposal of projects and investment for the region.

The proposed plan includes transformational regional projects such as

- Western Intermodal Freight Terminal
- Outer Metropolitan Ring
- Wyndham's Westlink
- Victoria University's Melbourne Centre for Civil Construction and the Sustainability Futures Centre

City Deals allow Federal, State and local governments to work together to drive national priorities tailored to local needs, develop plans for growth and commit

to shared actions. In 2019, the Federal Government proposed to develop a City Deal for North and West Melbourne.

The North and West Melbourne City Deal Plan is a blueprint for the region to respond to the impacts of the pandemic in the immediate and medium-term, and to reform our economy for the future.

The proposal will help create 300,000 new jobs, reboot business, boost social and economic inclusion, and leverage the region's existing strengths in health, food production, manufacturing and logistics. It will unlock employment and economic development opportunities centred on the eight key precincts, including Werribee.



OPPORTUNITY:
GROWTH AND JOBS
- GEELONG FAST RAIL AND OTHER
MAJOR RAIL PROJECTS

REQUEST: The Federal Government’s investment of \$2 billion in the Geelong Fast Rail should include capacity for these trains to stop in Wyndham and for these services to be integrated with plans for the Western Rail Plan and Melbourne Airport Rail Link.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Create more economic, education and employment opportunities by improving rail connections between key western suburban and regional centres.

Wyndham City is calling on the Federal Government to commit to maximising the benefits of significant national investments in rail in Victoria, creating better rail connections and more economic opportunities between key western suburban and regional centres.

Commitment to an integrated approach to major rail projects in the west would capture the collective benefits of the Geelong Fast Rail, Western Rail Plan and the Melbourne Airport Rail Link, connecting the National Employment and Innovation Clusters of Sunshine and Werribee with the regional cities of Geelong and Ballarat, as well as increasing access to central Melbourne.

Rail projects that will connect Geelong to Werribee, wider western Melbourne, and other regional cities

provide better connectivity between all these cities enabling greater shared employment, economic and educational opportunities.

Wyndham City is seeking Federal funding to make this vision a reality with enhancements of the Geelong Fast Rail project to improve rail connections between Geelong and Wyndham, including a stop in Wyndham to maximise the benefits of better connections.



OPPORTUNITY: **OPPORTUNITY WYNDHAM** **- LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**

REQUEST: Federal Government investment of \$1 million over 3 years to match Victorian Government funding.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Assist people experiencing barriers to employment to find work while supporting local business to secure local talent and sustainably employ local people.

Wyndham City is asking the Federal Government to invest in the council-led Opportunity Wyndham employment program for local people experiencing barriers to employment.

Population growth, new infrastructure and inbound investment make Wyndham an exciting place to be, with a wealth of opportunities for employment creation. However, more can be done to ensure that the benefits of economic recovery and growth are felt positively across the community.

Wyndham City is working together with local businesses to create local jobs for local people. The Opportunity Wyndham initiative brings together Wyndham City, local employment partners and businesses to build local pathways to employment.

Local partnership networks like Opportunity Wyndham have been shown to be successful in assisting people experiencing barriers to employment to find work and to support local business to thrive and succeed.

Wyndham City will continue to work in partnership across all levels of government and with industry to support successful local employment programs.



REQUEST: A \$25 million Federal Government contribution to a major new indoor sports and aquatic facility, costed at \$75 million.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Meet growing local demand for team sports, provide physical and mental benefits through greater community participation in sport and recreation activities.



OPPORTUNITY: SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

A Federal Government contribution of \$25 million to deliver a new indoor sports and aquatic facility will provide Wyndham residents with more opportunities to keep more active, more often.

Australians love being active, and sport and active recreation opportunities are vital to improving individual and community health and wellbeing. Such activities are important settings for developing social connection with others and the community in which they live, especially at this crucial time.

However, the development of housing growth in Wyndham has outpaced the development of critical sports and active leisure facilities in recent years.

Wyndham's ongoing population growth has seen demand for team sports expand exponentially. Between 2013 and 2019 cricket grew from 91 to 216 teams, soccer went from 63 to 141 teams, and netball grew from 157 to 266 teams.

To meet this growing demand, Wyndham is requesting a Federal Government contribution to enable the delivery of a major new indoor sports and aquatic facility.



OPPORTUNITY: FINANCE FOR GROWTH AREAS

REQUEST: The Federal Government should return Financial Assistance Grants to one per cent of Federal taxation revenue in the upcoming Federal Budget. This represents \$13.6 million in additional Financial Assistance Grants for Wyndham City and \$1.8 billion nationally.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Enable Councils to plan and deliver a pipeline of critical social infrastructure projects their community needs, when they need it.

Wyndham City joins with other councils nationally in asking the Federal Government to return Financial Assistance Grants to the rate of one per cent of Federal taxation revenue. This would support local governments and our communities, particularly as we recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Providing the infrastructure and services our community needs means people have greater opportunities to reach their full potential. With greater Federal investment, we'll improve living standards and build a strong, nationally-significant local economy.

More than 20 years ago, local government received one per cent of total Commonwealth revenue through Financial Assistance Grants. Despite the pressing need

for a strong, reliable flow of federal funding into local infrastructure, Financial Assistance Grants are now just 0.6 per cent – a 40 per cent reduction.

Additional Federal financial assistance is required to support local government in the economic recovery, especially in growth area communities which have been among the areas hardest hit by the economic impacts of the pandemic.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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