

STATION PRECINCT PLAN A PRODUCTIVITY BOOSTER FOR MELBOURNE

Industry association, Consult Australia has labelled the Victorian Government's Station Precinct Engagement Program a great example of government working collaboratively to better leverage existing assets to deliver new jobs and economic opportunities for Melbourne.

Consult Australia's Chief Executive, Megan Motto said that the sites identified for development will deliver housing, jobs and new business opportunities well into the future.

"Importantly, this type of transit oriented development will help deliver best bang for buck for tax-payers, where existing infrastructure and lazy assets will be fully utilised to drive productivity," said Ms Motto.

"When taken together, the benefits that come from these projects will be significant, and highlight the importance of thinking broadly around how projects can be delivered, and how productivity can be released from existing assets and new investment.

"These will not just be economic benefits, but will improve the amenity and liveability of the surrounding communities for many years to come.

"Governments that sit on existing assets, when these could be used to stimulate new jobs and investment, are simply not serving the best interests of the tax-payer.

"This is the type of coordinated cross-government thinking that is urgently required across Australia."

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