

UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS BEARING FRUIT FOR VIC TRANSPORT

The Victorian Government's announcement today of a new \$2–2.5 billion rail project demonstrates the benefits of clear processes and policies for unsolicited proposals and provides a model for other jurisdictions to follow.

Consult Australia Chief Executive, Megan Motto said that the project was a much needed kick-start to the forward infrastructure pipeline in Victoria and the industry was looking forward to more announcements in the future.

"In what has been a difficult few years for the industry in Victoria, this kind of announcement is critical to keep jobs in the State and deliver long-lasting productivity gains," said Ms Motto.

"Clear policies and processes to manage unsolicited proposals help build business confidence and deliver value for money for the tax-payer where industry is encouraged to identify commercially viable solutions to the problems plaguing our cities.

"This project will create jobs, reduce congestion and improve the commute for thousands of Victorians while still generating strong economic returns.

"This is a triple win for industry, government and the tax-payer. With more projects like this Victoria will be well-placed to realise its potential and return businesses to the state."

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