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Proper planning essential for Victorian Infrastructure Plan to work

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) has welcomed the Andrews Labor Government's release of its five-year [Victorian Infrastructure Plan](#), including the endorsement of 134 of Infrastructure Victoria's 137 recommendations responding to the state's infrastructure challenges.

However, it has cautioned that proper planning must be applied to project delivery to mitigate future gridlock on the state's transport networks.

"There is unprecedented activity outlined in the Victorian Infrastructure Plan and we applaud the Government for its forward-thinking approach to delivering the road, rail and ports infrastructure we need to remain the most prosperous and business-friendly state in the Commonwealth," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"The Government's endorsement of many of the projects outlined in the report demonstrates they have listened to the needs of industry associations like the VTA and the operators we represent, who are desperate for infrastructure that reduces road congestion, encourages greater public transport patronage and make our ports more efficient and accessible.

"As these projects are further prioritised and funded, it will be vital that their construction is planned and executed in a way that does not create unintended additional congestion burdens that will increase costs and reduce productivity throughout the supply chain.

"This is where it will be crucial for the Government and future authorities established to deliver these projects to consult with industries to identify pressure points on our transport networks, and plan accordingly to mitigate construction impacts," he said.

The VTA, representing the state's major freight and logistics operators, has worked constructively with local, state and federal governments for over 100 years to help inform and prioritise road and rail infrastructure projects that are essential for Victoria's economic well-being.

"We are pleased our priority road infrastructure, the North-East Link, is a priority for the Government and Infrastructure Victoria," Mr Anderson said.

"As we approach the deadline for the North-East Link Authority to submit its business case and feasibility study, we look forward to advocating for options that will most efficiently and effectively service the needs of freight operators, and encourage heavy vehicles onto new, larger roads."

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