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VTA welcomes Port of Melbourne 30-year Port Development Strategy

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) has welcomed the Port of Melbourne's release today of its draft 30-year *Port Development Strategy 2050* (2050 PDS) for consultation.

Regarded as one of Australia's most important infrastructure assets, the Port of Melbourne contributed \$6 billion to the Victorian economy during 2017-18 and this 2050 PDS provides the roadmap for the future development of the Port.

The 2050 PDS outlines 10 priority projects that will improve the capacity at the Port to ensure it is able to respond to the increasing needs and demands of a rapidly growing Victoria. The strategy provides a 30-year framework which is consistent with the Government's goal of getting more freight on to rail.

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said that the issue for our industry is not about getting trucks off our roads but how we better manage the movement of freight through our communities.

"Increasing the number of containers being transported by rail will move the road component of the container supply chain away from the Inner West," Anderson said.

"The Port of Melbourne needs to become more productive and efficient and we need to accelerate these plans as quickly as possible.

"This strategy is all about ensuring that all industry stakeholders are working together so that the Port remains a premier Port in Australia."

In consultation with 190 key industry stakeholders and the community, the strategy has been developed to remain flexible and is adaptable to changing trends and advancements in technology.

As new and additional information becomes available the document will be refreshed every five years.

To download your copy of the strategy, please click [here](#).

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