

From: Victorian Roads (Infrastructure)
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2024 11:00 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) (DTP); Victorian Roads (Infrastructure)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) PPR Draft [SEC=UNOFFICIAL] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s22(1)(a)(ii); Western Rail Plan - Further Planning - Signed Instrument.pdf

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Both s22(1)(a)(ii) and Western Rail Plan PPRs have now been approved. Please see attached instruments for both projects.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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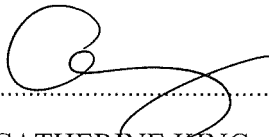
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National Land Transport Act 2014
Investment Project
Approval No. VPT349748
Approval Under Part 3 Sections 9 and 17

I, CATHERINE KING, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government:

- a) being satisfied that the project referred to below (the Project) is eligible for approval in accordance with section 10 of the *National Land Transport Act 2014* (the Act) and considering that it is appropriate to approve the Project in accordance with section 11 of the Act, approve the Project under section 9 of the Act; and
- b) approve, under section 17 of the Act, the provision of Commonwealth funding for the Project to the eligible funding recipient identified below.



CATHERINE KING

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project No. | 110484-20VIC-NP |
| Project Name | Western Rail Plan - Further Planning |
| Sub-Program | Infrastructure Investment |
| Project Description | The Western Rail Plan is an ongoing strategy that will set out a range of objectives needed to deliver a faster, high-capacity rail network servicing Melbourne's growing outer western suburbs and regional cities, specifically the growth areas of Wyndham and Melton. The Australian Government's funding will be allocated towards planning for augmentation and expansion of the rail corridor and station at Sunshine, and continued rail planning and development for the Western Growth Corridors. |
| Maximum Funding Amount that the Commonwealth may Contribute | \$30,000,000 |
| Eligible Funding Recipient | Victoria, Department of Transport |



The Hon Danny Pearson MP


Assistant Treasurer
Minister for Transport Infrastructure
Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop
Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC

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Melbourne, Victoria 3000 Australia

Hon Catherine King MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport,
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

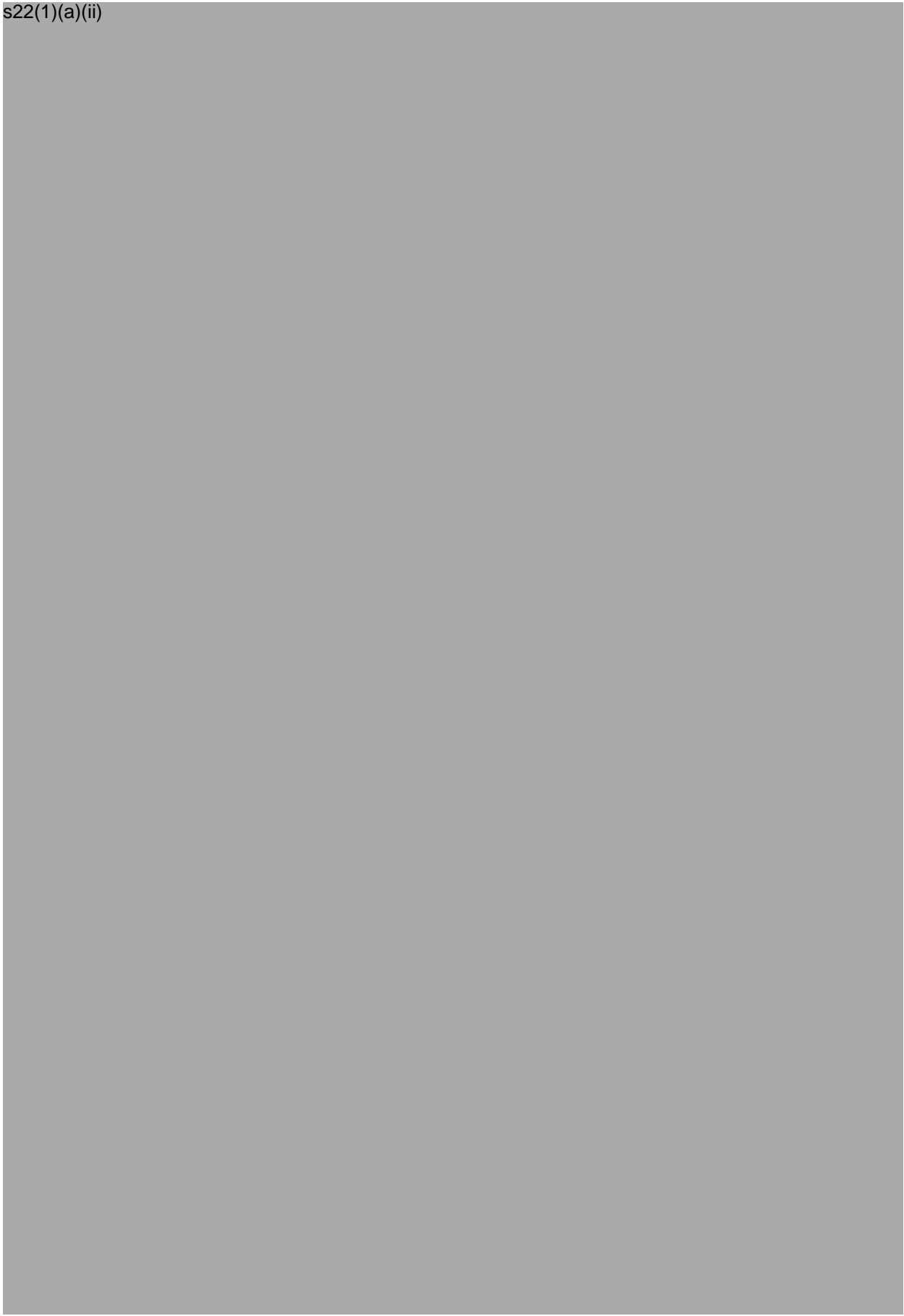
Dear Minister

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Rail network planning

Victoria welcomes the Commonwealth's allocation of \$102 million in funding for planning through the Major Project Business Case Fund.

s47B(a), s47B(b)

I would like to propose that our two governments prioritise network planning and business case development for rail upgrades to support Melbourne's growing north and west.

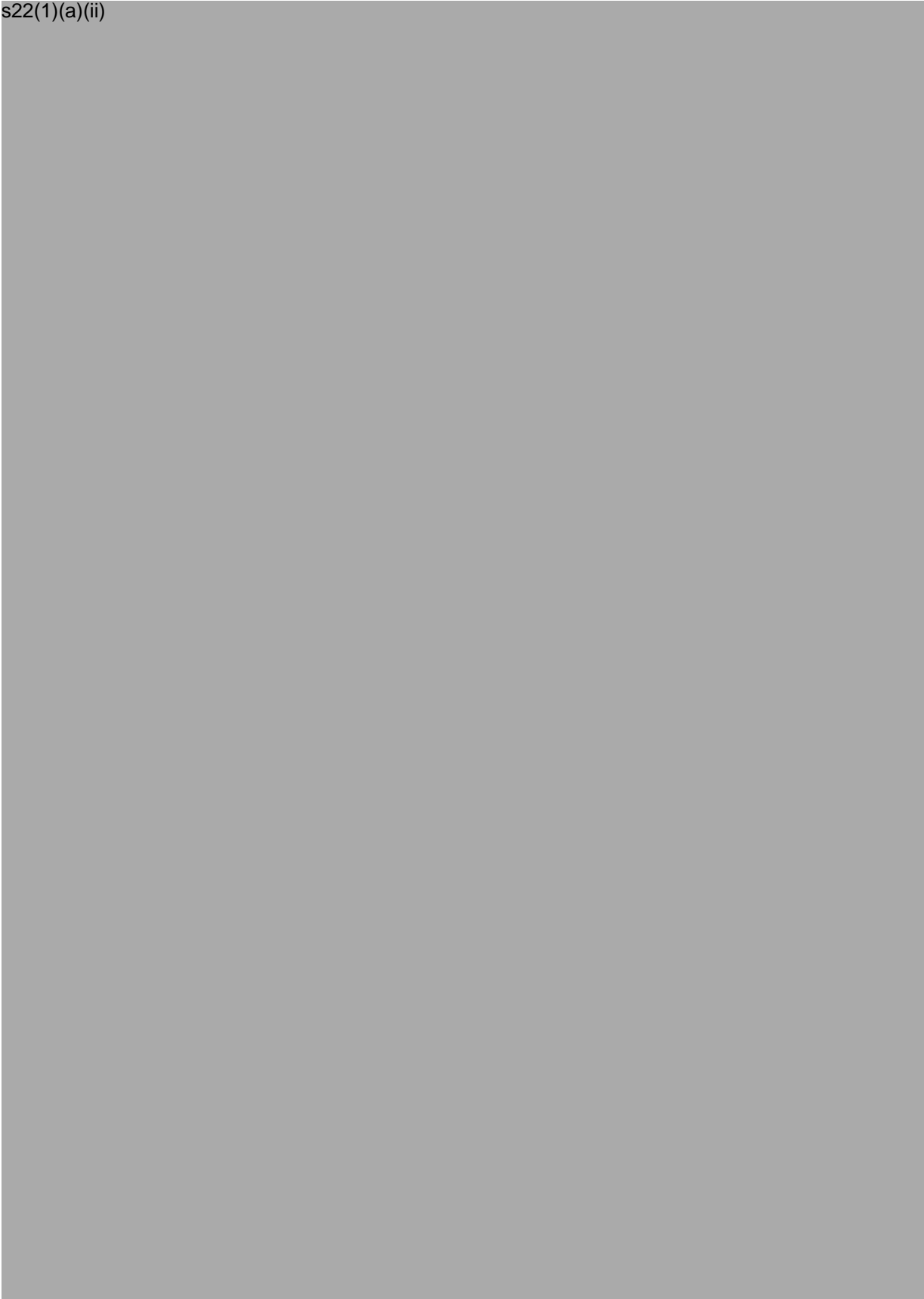
This planning will build off jointly funded development work undertaken to date through s22(1)(a)(ii) and the Western Rail Plan. This new work will seek to define the optimal sequencing and network integration of upgrades in this part of the network, including for MAR.

I have asked my Department to work with your Department to define the scope of this work with a view to accessing the Commonwealth's business case fund this financial year.

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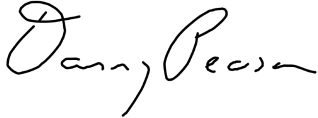


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Yours sincerely



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Subject: RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks for that s22(1)

There was a question from our Treasury around when the monthly report payment was coming as they haven't got it yet so you've answered that question.

Regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)

Apologies for the delay, I was confirming with the Finance team. All payments will be made on the 28th June by the Department of Treasury. This will include all payment details as per the monthly report plus the additional three project payments listed below:

- 110484-20VIC-NP Western Rail Plan - Further Planning - \$3m
- s22(1)(a)(ii)
- [REDACTED]

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22(1)

It is just \$3m for WRP or are there other projects being paid on the 28th?

If there are others, if you could send a list through it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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Thanks s22(1) for confirming 😊

Thanks, s22(1)
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Hi s22(1)

Many thanks for your query on the payment advice for the Western Rail Plan milestone in the Monthly coordination meeting today. I have confirmed with our Finance team that although the payment for \$3 million has been approved and processed in the system, the payment won't be made until the Treasury payment run on the 28th June.

I have also confirmed that no further payments can be loaded this financial year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello s22(1)

My name is s22(1) and I've just joined the Victorian Urban infrastructure team. Pleasure to meet you.

I've had my team look into this one, and can see the \$3 million payment reflected the value on the milestone certificate you had submitted in the project paperwork (attached).

Given the payment request came after the deadline, it appears it was escalated to our finance area, who ensured payment of the amount on the certificate, not noticing the \$2 million variance between the provided certificate and the milestone payment you were anticipating.

I understand you were expecting \$5 million, and apologise for any inconvenience that has resulted. If you are able to generate another certificate for the remaining \$2 million we will ensure this is paid when the system is open again (which at this stage they are anticipating to be September).

Thank you,

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Hi s22(1)

we've just had a look in IMS for the update on this and I can see that we've only been paid \$3m when the request was for 5.

Would you be able to let me know if this is an error or was there some sort of limitation in the system?

Thanks, s22(1)
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From: Victorian Roads (Infrastructure) <VictorianRoads@infrastructure.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 4:24 PM

To: s22(1)(a)(ii) (DTP) <s22(1)(a)(ii)@transport.vic.gov.au>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hey s22(1)
() (ii)

Apologies for the delay in responding, I am just trying to work out with the system administrators what has happened with this one and hopefully we can get it paid this FY given it is already in the system.

I will report back to you as soon as I hear back.

Cheers,

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To: Victorian Roads (Infrastructure) <VictorianRoads@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22(1)

just with the Western Rail Plan

I just had a quick look in IMS and the earlier milestone of \$5m that was approved back in Feb hasn't been paid, is there anything we need to do with that one?

Approved Milestones

| Milestone Number | Project Phase | Milestone Status | Milestone Type | Milestone Date | Milestone Amount | Payment Amount | Milestone Description | Created By |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| PSM1 | Scoping | Approved | General | 29 Feb 2024 | \$5,000,000 | | Milestone 1 achieved. \$5,000,000 payment recommended. Milestone to be included in February 2024 monthly report. | INTERNAL: s22(1) |

[Add New Milestone](#)

Thanks, s22(1)

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hey s22(1)

No worries at all I thought that might be the case but just wanted to check one last time ☺ Appreciate all of your assistance trying to get as many milestones through this FY!

Cheers,

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Hi s22(1)

thanks for reaching out, unfortunately for these ones, we don't have any milestones to be able to claim this funding in this FY, hopefully we'll have more news to share in the next FY.

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Thanks, s22(1)(ii)

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Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 1:03 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Unclaimed milestones for 2023-24 financial year: For action by 29 May [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hey s22(1)(ii)

Apologies, another two to confirm as soon as possible if there is opportunity to claim these milestones this FY? If you will look to claim these, we will try and push them through in the upcoming monthly payment run.

| Project | Milestone amount | Comment |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Western Rail Plan - Further Planning | \$24,500,000.00 | |

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy to chat through if you have any questions.

Cheers,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)



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To: Betts, Jim <s22(1)(a)@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: French, Angela <s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: [UNSCANNED CONTENT][SEC=PROTECTED: CIC] RE: Correspondence

As per my previous email, I have now also attached Attachment 1.

Regards

Paul Younis | Secretary (he/him)
Department of Transport and Planning

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From: Paul S Younis (DTP)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 12:27 PM
To: Betts, Jim <s22(1)(a)@infrastructure.gov.au>
Cc: French, Angela <s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence

Dear Jim

Please find attached correspondence regarding the North West Strategic Assessment Report.

Regards

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Mr Jim Betts
 Secretary
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 GPO Box 594, CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Betts

NORTH WEST STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

In relation to ongoing discussions on various matters regarding Victoria's rail network, I am pleased to formally submit the *North West Strategic Assessment* (NWSA) report for your department's consideration and to inform discussion regarding the next steps in relation to rail network planning in Melbourne.

The report's key finding is that due to significant population growth in the north and west of Melbourne – more than twice the population of Canberra is forecast to move into this region in the next 15 years – there is an urgent need to begin detailed development of rail capacity-boosting projects in the north and west.

In his letter of 16 March 2024 to the Hon Catherine King MP, the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Hon Danny Pearson MP proposed that the Commonwealth partner with Victoria to further progress rail network planning in the north and west of Melbourne.

s47B(a), s47B(b)

As you would be aware, our respective Ministers are in discussions about rail network planning, including in the broader context surrounding Melbourne Airport Rail (MAR). The NWSA report will be a complementary input into these discussions, particularly in light of the Neil Scales report and its recommendations regarding MAR and the option to progress 'no regrets' works at Sunshine Station.

s47B(a), s47B(b)

The NWSA report has been prepared utilising joint funding provided through the Western Rail Plan (WRP). This provision of this technical report acquits the final milestone against the Commonwealth's \$30 million commitment to the WRP.

My officials will progress the necessary post completion reporting to close out this phase of work. Given the size of the NWSA report and the sensitive nature of its content, I have asked



my officials to transact the documentation through your department's secure file transfer system.

s47B(a), s47B(b)

Yours sincerely



Paul Younis
Secretary

Date: 26 July 2024

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Attachment B to Document 4 (pages 32-112) removed in its entirety as exempt under sections 47B(a) and 47B(b) of the FOI Act.

From: WOOD2, Lachlan
Sent: Monday, 23 September 2024 3:32 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: RE: Jess Hall meeting - 28/08 - slide pack [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: MAR-NWSA Briefing for Jess Hall 240828 - Presentation.pdf

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FYI – happy to run through these sometime this week to debrief following the discussions.

Lachlan Wood (he/him)

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Hi Jess and Lachlan

Great catching up last Thursday. Thank you.

Please find attached the slide pack from the NSW briefing on August 24 2024.

We are very happy for this slide pack to be shared with IA, as part of your briefings of IA officials.

Regards Lachlan McDonald.

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