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VICTORIA CONTINUES MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL WITH NORTH EAST LINK

The Victoria Government's announcement that it will complete the missing section of Melbourne's Metropolitan Ring Road with the long-discussed North East Link shows what can be delivered through good infrastructure plans backed by government funding to be able to pay for it said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia.

"The North East Link is an obvious gap in Melbourne's road network that has been debated for decades, but is now moving towards reality," said IPA CEO Brendan Lyon.

"The Andrews Government has now lifted Victoria's infrastructure programme to a very high level, with a steady stream of major construction and other jobs for the next decade.

"Victoria and New South Wales are doing the heavy lifting and propping up national economic indicators, because they've gone and found the money through privatisations to pay for the tens of billions of dollars of new transport infrastructure.

"The other states have a lot to learn from the Baird and Andrews Governments in terms of the honest way that they've engaged the public on the need to find real money to build real projects like North East Link.

"Melbourne and Victoria will be different and they will be better because of the enormous investments now committed to road and rail projects across Victoria, paid for with the \$10 billion port lease."

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