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\$5BN A WELCOME CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE MARL A REALITY

The infrastructure sector has welcomed the Andrews Government's \$5bn commitment to build the Melbourne Airport Rail Link, says industry think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](http://www.infrastructure.org.au).

"The infrastructure industry and the people of Victoria will warmly welcome the Andrew's governments decision over the weekend to commit \$5bn to make the Melbourne Airport Rail Link a reality," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"With the Victorian Government matching the Commonwealth Government's proposed \$5bn grant contribution it means work can start on this long-awaited project.

"The increasing bi-partisan support for infrastructure in Victoria provides much needed certainty to the sector, reflecting that infrastructure decisions span beyond electoral cycles," Mr Dwyer said.

The Andrews Government preferred route for the project runs through the Melbourne suburb of Sunshine and will connect regional and metro trains lines to the new airport link. The rail link will also allow for fast rail services from Geelong and Ballarat to Melbourne Airport.

"If the preferred route gets the go ahead, the rail link will not only enable a faster connection to the CBD but unlock the growth potential of the Sunshine region, offering the opportunity to relieve the pressure of urban congestion in Melbourne.

"The infrastructure sector will be looking forward to seeing the business case for the project and options on the table for partnership delivery opportunities," Mr Dwyer said.

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is the infrastructure sector leading industry think tank, providing independent policy research focused on excellence in social and economic infrastructure.

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