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\$19B PLAN FOR REGIONAL RAIL PLAN WELCOMED

The national infrastructure sector welcomes the Victorian Coalition's plan to rebuild Victoria's regional and country rail network, says industry think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

"The infrastructure sector welcomes the Victorian Opposition's plan to transform the state's regional rail network," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"With Melbourne's population set to grow by 2.8 million over the next 30 years, this project could help to transform and untangle Victoria's regional and metropolitan train services.

"This is a bold agenda to build world-class connections between Melbourne and key regional centres, but we need to be cautious about how quickly trains can be on the tracks.

"Projects like this don't happen overnight, and attention will need to turn to the detailed planning and funding arrangements for the regional rail network plan," Mr Dwyer said.

The Victorian Opposition has committed to delivering the \$19 billion 'European-style' regional rail network in three stages over the next decade, if elected in November. The programme would involve major track replacement, signalling upgrades, timetable changes as well as the delivery of two fleets of new-generation trains.

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

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