

FACT SHEET:

FASTER RAIL IN VIC



Victoria has already delivered significant improvements to its regional rail networks, with more to come over the next few years. New VLocity trains enable speeds of up to 160km/h, while fast rail would enable Geelong residents to get to Melbourne in about half the time it takes to drive.

REGIONAL RAIL LINK HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF RAIL INVESTMENT

The Regional Rail Link project focused on separating regional and metropolitan rail links to enable more services. Regional services are now a crucial part of the commuter network.



OF REGIONAL RAIL JOURNEYS ARE FOR GOING TO WORK



GROWTH IN PATRONAGE IN THE 10 YEARS FROM 2006



INVESTMENT DRIVING FASTER, MORE FREQUENT SERVICES

Estimated Fast Rail travel times vs car/coach



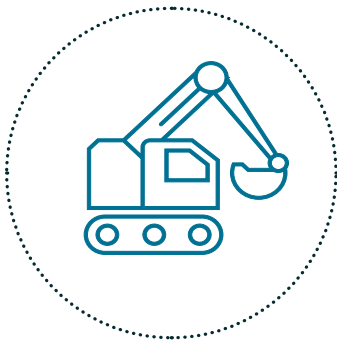


KEY PROJECTS DELIVERING TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS



Geelong Fast Rail to change the game for commuters

Fast rail to Geelong has the potential to deliver 35 minute travel times to the city, compared to 65 minutes by road. The Geelong corridor is expected to support 16 million journeys every year by 2031, making it a crucial part of the commuter network. Additional corridor investigations are underway for the Albury-Wodonga and Traralgon lines.



Ongoing works improving speed and efficiency

The Regional Rail Revival program currently underway is delivering further improvements on every regional rail line on the network, enabling more frequent services, track improvements including the duplication of track between Geelong and Warun Ponds and the upgrading and expanding of rollingstock.



Bendigo represents regional opportunity

Faster rail connections to Victoria's third largest regional town would present new opportunities for the local tourism economy. V/Line has already improved services to Bendigo, while upgrades to the rail line now underway will create three new stations, modernised systems and level crossing improvements. Faster rail connections would complement plans to support population growth in the region.