

# THE HON JAALA PULFORD MP

MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

13 June 2018



Economic Development,  
Jobs, Transport  
and Resources

## STATE OF THE REGIONS

- Home to one in four Victorians
- 700,000 workers
- Contributes 19% to the State's economy
- 24% of State's small businesses



## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Indicators	2014	Current	Growth Rate
Economic output/GRP	\$71,687 m	\$74,208 m (2017)	1.2% annual average growth rate
Population	1,484,206	1,547,166 (2017)	1.4% average annual growth rate
Employment (three month average)	657,300 (Nov. 2014)	699,400 (April 2018)	6.4%
Unemployment rate (% three month average)	6.6 (Nov 2014)	5.5 (April 2018)	

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS – THE REGIONAL JOBS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

- **\$500m Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund**
  - 509 projects approved with grant funding of \$342.1 million
  - Total project value of \$1.3 billion
  - Supporting all Victorian regional local government areas
  - To-date, 5097 jobs created and retained
  - Every \$1 of government investment driving additional \$3.95 investment
  - 573 projects in pipeline



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS – DELIVERING FOR REGIONAL VICTORIA



*Eureka Stadium*



*Harcourt Mountain Bike Trail*



*Mildura Airport Runway Upgrade*



*Latrobe Valley University Training Clinic and Dental Prosthetics Lab.*



*Ballarat Station Precinct*



*Grampians Peaks Trail*



## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS – REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Regional Partnerships - connecting regional priorities to the heart of government.
- 2017 Regional Assemblies - over 2,000 people attending, and further 650 attending pre-meetings. Even more engaged online.



## THIS BUDGET

### **\$760 million for Regional Partnership priorities**

- \$5 million for Healthy Heart of Victoria Program (**Loddon Campaspe** priority)
- \$760,000 to establish the Cross Border Commission (**Mallee** priority)
- \$313 million to upgrade the Shepparton rail line (**Goulburn** priority)
- \$115 million to expand the Wonthaggi Hospital emergency department (**Gippsland** priority)

### **Regional Development portfolio budget initiatives**

- \$153.2 million towards **Geelong City Deal**
- \$16 million to build the **Bendigo GovHub**
- \$2 million for the **Falls to Hotham Iconic Trail** project to upgrade the existing trail
- \$300,000 for the **Wangaratta Digital Hub**
- \$600,000 for a Workforce Planning Project in **Ararat, Pyrenees and Northern Grampians**

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