

# Spotlight on Spending

## VIC State Budget

### Infrastructure and other spending initiatives

The Victorian budget focuses on delivering Victorian infrastructure, particularly in the transport and rail sector, to better connect Victorians both in the metro and rural regions.

It also focuses on spending initiatives to transform Victoria's mental health system, invest in early childhood and schools, support vulnerable children, women and families and to boost the health system as a whole.

These investments are targeted to have the dual benefit of improving services for Victorians, while sustaining and creating jobs.

### Key takeaways

- More than **\$144bn** of State capital projects are either commencing or underway
- \$986m to build 25 new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains to be constructed in Ballarat
- Develop turn-up-and-go train services for those in Melbourne's south and upgrade to the tracks at Caulfield Station, enabling more trains and more frequent services, while supporting around 600 jobs at the peak of construction
- \$613m investment in regional train
- \$50M Growing Suburbs Fund which will provide grants for the development of local infrastructure such as libraries, early learning centres and recreation facilities.

### Education, Health and Tourism

- 3.5 billion in education, including:
  - \$148.2m to establish the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership, furthering the professional development of our teachers
  - \$1.6bn to build 13 brand-new schools, additional stages at three further schools and upgrading 52 schools across our state
  - \$7.1bn to continue supporting hospitals and healthcare system
  - \$1.2bn to continue our build and upgrade of local hospitals and health services, including commitment to build and expand 10 community hospitals.
  - \$107m of additional support will be provided for business recovery in Melbourne's CBD .
  - \$160m will support the recovery of the tourism sector promoting Victoria as a destination to visit.

### Our review



**4/5 – Some bits missing**

*With a big spending budget and a focus on supporting infrastructure, this will hit the spot for many areas.*



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