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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Labor Opposes \$15,335,000 Funding for La Trobe

The Labor Party has today confirmed that they oppose the \$15.335M that the Australian Government is delivering for Bunjil Place, the Emerald Community Hub, and the Belgrave Multipurpose Health Hub in La Trobe.

A media release today from the Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Local Government Julie Collins revealed that the Labor Party opposes the National Stronger Regions Funding Round One which will support economic development in disadvantaged communities across Australia.

These three projects are vital for La Trobe and will grow the economy while creating over 700 jobs.

The announcement from Labor's Shadow Minister is another clear example that the Labor Party does not support economic growth or creating employment opportunities in La Trobe.

The National Stronger Regions Fund will deliver \$1 billion over five years to enhance economic growth and sustain disadvantaged regions into the future.

Unlike Labor which misused taxpayers' money as revealed by the Australian National Audit Office, this Government undertook a competitive merit-based selection process before providing \$212 million in funding to 51 priority infrastructure projects nationwide in round one of the programme.

The Australian Government is committed to strengthening regions across Australia by investing in projects to build or upgrade vital infrastructure.

Applications for Round Two of the National Stronger Regions Fund are now open.

"I encourage applicants from our community to put forward projects that demonstrate strong economic outcomes to give themselves the best opportunity for success under Round Two" said Mr Wood.

For more information on the programme, including the application process for Round Two, please visit: [www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf)

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