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LABOR FINALLY COMES TO THE TABLE FOR \$1B MONASH UPGRADES

- **The Coalition Government has finalised its \$1.5 billion commitment to the Victorian Infrastructure Package**
- **Electorate of La Trobe will see the Monash Freeway upgrades delivered**
- **Investment will improve road safety, support jobs and boost businesses throughout the state**

The Australian Government has finalised its \$1.5 billion commitment to the \$3 billion Victorian Infrastructure Package, which includes new projects in La Trobe to deliver the infrastructure Victoria needs to thrive.

The investment will see a range of priority projects delivered across urban and regional Victoria following ongoing discussions with the Victorian Government.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the Australian Government had listened to the concerns of the community during the 2016 election and were now delivering on their promise to improve Victoria's transport network.

"We have consistently said we would work with communities and all levels of government to deliver a stronger, safer transport network for Victoria, and these vital upgrades are the outcome of those discussions," Mr Chester said. "This road and rail infrastructure funding will change lives and save lives."

"La Trobe will finally see a proper upgrade to the Monash delivered under this important Federal and State infrastructure package."

"It is vital we improve regional road safety through key upgrades as we work toward a more efficient and reliable transport network for freight operators."

Federal Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood MP said the projects announced would support local industry and help create jobs for residents.

"Residents of this region will be well aware of the need for projects such as the Beaconsfield interchange, widening of the Monash and the extension of O'Shea Rd to be built and it's great to see it included within this package," Mr Wood said.

"We need a strong transport network to support the region's growing population, just as we need investment in our roads to support local businesses."

"The Australian Government is listening to the community's concerns and investing in our region's future. I am looking forward to seeing the results of this investment in coming years."

For further information on the Australian Government's investment in Victorian infrastructure, visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/>

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