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# Infrastructure Investment Program

## South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Rail Line Upgrade - Stages 2 and 3

Victoria

### Australian Government Funding: \$750.0 million

The Australian Government will bring \$605 million into the forward estimates in the 2020-21 Budget to support the accelerated planning and delivery of Stage 2 of the South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Rail Line upgrade project.

Victorian Government contribution: \$143.0 million

### Project description

Stage 2 of this project will partially duplicate the rail line through the floodplain between South Geelong and Waurm Ponds, upgrade level crossings and improve station facilities. This project will also plan for Stage 3, which involves the duplication of the Geelong rail tunnel, duplication of bridges on the floodplain and expansion of the train stabling facilities at Waurm Ponds.

Stage 1 of the project involves the upgrade of the Waurm Ponds Station, which has commenced construction as part of the Warrnambool Rail Line Upgrade.

### Jobs supported

- This project is expected to support 1300 direct and indirect jobs.

### Project benefits

Benefits include:

- Improved passenger rail services.
- Improved efficiency and network reliability.
- Improved connectivity between people with jobs and services, and goods with markets.
- Reduced congestion and improved travel times.

### Project timelines

- This project is expected to start in late 2021 and be finished by late 2024.

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