

Victoria's new interstate freight precincts



Delivering the Goods

Getting more freight on rail and harnessing private and public sector investment in Victoria's freight network are key aims of Victoria's freight plan, *Delivering the Goods*.

New interstate rail freight terminals help the shift from road to rail, which also aligns with the goal of decarbonising freight and achieving Victoria's target of net zero emissions by 2045.

Victoria's rail freight capability

Delivering the Goods identified the need for new intermodal freight precincts at Truganina in Melbourne's west and Beveridge in Melbourne's outer north.

The role of the new precincts is primarily to handle interstate freight, but also the import and export container trade.

The new interstate freight terminals recognise Melbourne's role as the nation's freight hub, the home of the nation's largest import/export port and a key node in the national interstate rail network, soon to incorporate the Australian Government's Inland Rail project.

Inland Rail review

Victoria's investment case completed in 2021 recommended development of a new interstate freight terminal in Truganina, to be known as the Western Interstate Freight Terminal (WIFT).

In 2023, the Australian Government accepted the recommendations of an independent review of the Inland Rail Project which recommended that:

- two intermodal terminals should be developed concurrently
- the Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal (BIFT) should be available as soon as practical, and
- the WIFT should be developed when capacity is required and become the larger operation.

The Australian Government has commenced the planning process for BIFT through the National Intermodal Corporation (NIC).

The private sector is also progressing development of a number of new and upgraded terminals across metropolitan Melbourne.

Victoria's Interstate Freight Terminals Strategy

The Victorian Government has moved to protect land for the eventual construction of the WIFT. This may allow the release of non-required land which would be a welcome addition to the supply of industrial real estate in Melbourne's west.

The Victorian Government is also moving to extend interstate rail freight operations in the Dynon precinct beyond 2031 for up to 20 years to deliver certainty for industry in the short to medium term.

Further information

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