

# Media Release

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## MAJOR UPGRADES CONTINUE ON THE GEELONG LINE

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering more frequent and reliable services to Victoria's busiest regional passenger line, with works on the Geelong Line Upgrade forging ahead.

A contractor has been appointed to deliver the next stage of upgrades as part of the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication, which will allow five train services per hour during the peaks and three per hour between the peaks to be extended to Marshall and Waurin Ponds.

The Djilang Alliance – comprised of McConnell Dowell, Downer, Arup and WSP – will duplicate around eight kilometres of track, upgrade South Geelong and Marshall stations and remove dangerous and congested level crossings at Fyans Street and Surf Coast Highway.

The level crossing at Barwon Heads Road is also being removed as part of the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade. Early works are underway, including the relocation of a Barwon Water pipeline next to the existing track.

Major construction for the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds Duplication will start later this year, with works on track for completion in late 2024.

Work is also progressing on a new train stabling facility in Waurin Ponds to house VLocity trains overnight – providing much-needed storage to support the additional services the major upgrades underway will bring to the line.

Major earthworks on the stabling facility are due to be completed soon, with more than 14,000 cubic metres of material excavated to prepare the foundations, rail formation and road pavements at the stabling yard, which will support extended services for passengers between South Geelong and Waurin Ponds.

The recently completed Waurin Ponds Station upgrade has already provided passengers with access to 20 extended peak and off-peak services at the station each week, with two every morning and two in the evening on weekdays.

The upgrades to the Geelong Line are part of the Australian and Victorian Governments' investment of more than \$4 billion in the Regional Rail Revival program – upgrading every passenger rail line in Victoria and creating more than 3,000 jobs.

### Quotes attributed to Acting Premier and Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

*"We're getting on with upgrades to Victoria's busiest regional rail line to improve safety and provide more trains, more often to the growing community."*

*"These upgrades will better connect locals and visitors to the Geelong region for years to come."*

### Quote attributable to Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman

*"It's pleasing to see the next stage of upgrades underway, which will better connect locals – making it quicker, easier and safer to get to where you need to go."*