

Media Release

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ONE HUNDREDTH VLOCITY TRAIN HITS THE TRACKS

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered 100 locally built high-speed VLocity trains improving connectivity for regional Victorians.

The one hundredth regional VLocity train hit the tracks on the Warun Ponds to Southern Cross line line today. The now 100-strong VLocity fleet has travelled millions of kilometres, made tens of thousands of trips and moved millions of passengers since the first service – supporting thousands of high skilled jobs.

The 100th train will be added to V/Line’s growing broad gauge VLocity fleet and provide fast and comfortable journeys across Victoria’s regional rail network.

The entire VLocity fleet has the capacity to move more than 21,000 passengers – the equivalent to moving the entire population of Wangaratta at once.

The Labor Government provided funding to build an additional 12 new VLocity trains in the *2022/2023 State Budget*.

Since 2015, the government has delivered a 40 per cent increase in regional rail services, with V/Line now running more than 2,200 services every week.

These investments are part of the government’s continued commitment to improving public transport for all Victorians – no matter where they live.

Since 2015, the government has invested more than \$8 billion in rolling stock and infrastructure - including more than \$1.4 billion specifically for VLocity trains - supporting 10,000 local jobs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

“VLocity trains have moved millions of passengers across Victoria and will continue to be a critical part of building a strong public transport network into the future.”

“Each of our one hundred strong fleet of VLocity trains has proudly been made in Victoria for Victorians.”