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## SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP DELIVERS REGIONAL MANUFACTURING JOBS

The Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) will slash congestion, cut travel times, connect two of Australia's largest universities to rail, build 70,000 more homes – and deliver more jobs in regional Victoria.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop Harriet Shing today visited LS Precast in Benalla – Victoria's largest precast concrete manufacturing facility – to announce it has been chosen to supply concrete segments for the southern section of twin tunnels between Cheltenham and Glen Waverley.

More than 96,000 concrete segments will be produced in Benalla to build the 16-kilometre section of twin tunnels that will slash travel times and take thousands of cars off local roads.

The facility is set to build 170 segments a day, securing jobs for more than 75 local workers and creating even more jobs across the supply chain – with production of the segments set to kick off in October as crews prepare for tunnelling to begin next year.

LS Precast was built in 2018 to support Victoria's Big Build and it has already supplied 49,000 concrete products for the West Gate Tunnel Project and is currently manufacturing more than 46,000 concrete segments for the North East Link Project.

Companies like LS Precast survive and thrive thanks to the Labor Government's investment in major transport projects – including the Suburban Rail Loop.

Construction of the SRL from Cheltenham to Box Hill is delivering economic benefits across Victoria, with more than 3,000 people working on the project, and dozens of suppliers and sub-contractors from across the state involved in building the city-shaping project.

SRL will help regional people access jobs and uni in Melbourne's suburbs, and slash travel times across the state.

- A patient in Traralgon will be able to travel to Box Hill for an appointment in just two hours – saving 31 minutes.
- A lecturer from Geelong can save seven minutes while travelling to Monash University.
- A worker from Bendigo can attend a meeting at Monash and save six minutes, while a worker in Ballarat heading to Deakin will save five minutes – with both able to access better and more reliable services through the Metro Tunnel.

Trains will be taking passengers in 2035, delivering faster, more reliable travel for Victorians and 70,000 more homes – next door to jobs, services and world-class public transport.

That's all at risk under a Liberal Government that will cut SRL, slash regional jobs and make traffic worse.

### Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"The Suburban Rail Loop is a project made by Victorians, for Victorians – and it will deliver thousands of jobs to support working families right across the state."*

*"Only Labor will deliver the Suburban Rail Loop and support thousands of jobs across Victoria."*

**Quote attributable to Minister for Suburban Rail Loop, Housing and Building Harriet Shing**

*“Brad Battin and the Liberals want to cancel the Suburban Rail Loop and that means sacking hundreds of people in Benalla and thousands across Victoria.”*

**Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes**

*“The Suburban Rail Loop means hundreds of jobs for Benalla, with the project set to provide an economic boost that will be felt throughout regional Victoria.”*