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Victorian Budget 2026/27



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## BACKING BENDIGO'S LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Labor is helping Victorian farmers get their livestock to market quickly and safely.

Farmers are essential to our economy, our regions and our food security and we back them.

The *Victorian Budget 2026/27* is investing \$1.7 million in the first phase of the Bendigo Livestock Exchange roof project, strengthening a critical regional hub for the sale of lamb and sheep.

The Bendigo Livestock Exchange supports farmers across central Victoria, playing a key role in regional supply chains and local jobs.

The first stage of works will support construction of the roof for the holding yards, improving animal welfare and protecting livestock from extreme weather.

This investment is part of Labor's strong investment in regional infrastructure that helps primary producers get their stock to market efficiently.

We continue working with the City of Greater Bendigo as planning progresses for future stages of the upgrade.

Labor is investing in regional Victoria and the infrastructure communities rely on, while the Liberals' and National's \$11.5 billion budget black hole means cuts to regional services and projects to pay off their debt.

### Quote attributable to Premier and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

*"Bendigo is at the heart of Victoria's agriculture sector and we are making sure it can continue to support farmers and regional jobs."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Agriculture Michaela Settle

*"The Bendigo Livestock Exchange is vital to the sheep and lamb industry, and this will ensure it continues supporting farmers and regional jobs for years to come."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

*"This upgrade is about backing Bendigo's future – giving farmers the modern facilities they need to grow their businesses and keep our regional economy moving."*