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WEST GATE TUNNEL TO CREATE HUNDREDS OF JOBS IN BENALLA

Victoria's largest precast concrete manufacturing facility will be built in Benalla to supply major Victorian infrastructure projects, create 400 jobs and provide a massive boost to the local economy.

Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan joined member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes to announce the site for the \$60 million facility.

The massive factory will be operated by local businesses and will supply precast concrete for major projects including the Andrews Labor Government's West Gate Tunnel.

The facility will be capable of producing up to 1,500 tonnes of concrete product per day at peak capacity.

Benalla's access to road and rail infrastructure means the facility is well placed to supply future Victorian and interstate projects, creating ongoing economic benefits to Benalla and surrounding communities.

To limit the number of trucks on local roads, the precast concrete segments for the West Gate Tunnel Project will be transported to Melbourne by freight train.

A new 700 metre rail siding will be built along the existing rail line in Benalla to provide a direct link between the precast facility and Melbourne.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will provide an estimated \$11 billion boost to the Victorian economy, creating 6,000 new jobs.

Construction of the Benalla precast facility is due to commence in March 2018, and it will be fully operational from October 2018.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan

"This will be the largest precast facility in Victoria, creating hundreds of new jobs and providing a massive boost to Victoria's manufacturing sector."

"We're making sure that all of Victoria can share the opportunities created by our massive program of major infrastructure investment."

Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"This is great news for my home town Benalla and for the North East – it'll bring jobs for locals and a boost to economic activity that will be felt throughout the region."

"Construction will be underway soon and by the end of the year this will be Victoria's biggest precast concrete manufacturing facility – driving the local economy now and for many years to come."