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- \\ Melbourne Metro Two involves the construction of a new rail tunnel connecting Newport to Clifton Hill, accompanied by electrification to Geelong.
- \\ It is a city shaping project that will provide a significant uplift in rail services, relieve future pressure on the public transport network, improve access to jobs and services and provide urban renewal opportunities in key precincts.
- \\ The project will increase capacity and frequency on several train lines, particularly those passing through Newport and Clifton Hill, and the Regional Rail Link. The project also provides the opportunity for new electrified Geelong services to operate and provide a more direct route to Southern Cross.
- \\ Infrastructure Victoria's strategic assessment and economic modelling identified that the project is likely to have significant benefits, although with significant costs. The strategy recommends that more work be done to prepare for construction of Melbourne Metro Two.
- \\ This project has the potential to
 - generate significant economic benefits for the state
 - provide improved access to jobs from outer areas to an expanded central city with knowledge intensive jobs
 - support population and economic growth in Geelong
 - generate significant land use change benefits related to reduced transport costs
 - improve amenity and wellbeing of residents who benefit from this project.
- \\ There are particular benefits for Geelong and the west, with modelling projecting additional population and growth as a direct result of the project. There are also positive impacts on otherwise declining populations in the west, including at Caroline Springs and Deer Park.
- \\ Suburban services from Geelong and Werribee would be diverted to a new tunnel running through Fishermans Bend, and travelling via Southern Cross and Flagstaff to connect with and provide more services to the Mernda line.
- \\ There will also be additional services for the Hurstbridge line on the Clifton Hill Group, and Wyndham Vale services along the Regional Rail Link, which will continue to run via Sunshine and Footscray to Southern Cross.
- \\ Increasing services will support projected population growth in the north and west, as well as servicing Fishermans Bend, which is expected to grow to accommodate 80,000 jobs and 80,000 residents by 2051.



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