



Media Release

The Board of LeadWest at its monthly meeting yesterday welcomed the Eddington “East West Link Needs Assessment Report” as a dramatic demonstration of the West’s need for a massive increase in expenditure on transport infrastructure. and congratulated Sir Rod Eddington and his team on the broad recommendations for addressing the West’s transport shortcomings.

Hon Ralph Willis, Chair of LeadWest said that the transport blueprint emphasises that the current “significant East West divide” in availability of transport infrastructure is reducing opportunities for jobs and business growth in the West – and if not rectified threatens to result in a “lock-out” of the West from the economic development in the rest of Melbourne.

“The adoption of a multi modal solution to address such a complex issue was a key element of the report and that it goes some way toward addressing the capacity limitation of the present transport system in coping with the unprecedented growth the west is undergoing”, he said.

LeadWest fully concurs with this assessment in a situation where both its key road and rail infrastructure is reaching capacity levels in peak travel periods.

Recent years was witnessed unprecedented population growth in the key western councils of Melton, Wyndham and Brimbank highlighting the clear fact that the West is accommodating a greater share of Melbourne’s growth.

Anton Mayer the recently appointed CEO of LeadWest added that the focus has now moved well beyond the debate as to whether the western region needs additional transport capacity, but more towards the modal mix required to deliver optimum outcomes, that it needs to be delivered now and how it will be paid for.

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