

Media Release

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REDIRECT THE MONEY TO OUR RAIL

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad MP has called on the state government to redirect some of their Snowy Hydro sale to restoring passenger rail to Horsham and Stawell.

Mr Broad recently wrote to the State Minister For Public Transport, Jacinta Allan to put forward his idea after the state sold their Snowy Hydro Project for \$2 billion dollars.

“I’m asking the state government to immediately commence a business case to see passenger rail services between Horsham and Stawell through to Melbourne via Ararat and Ballarat, working with the Federal Government to cover the construction costs.”

“This would have an immeasurable benefit to residents of Horsham and Stawell, opening up better health outcomes for those who need to travel to the city for specialist treatments,” Mr Broad said.

“The proposal will also provide employment, assist with isolation and lift tourism across Horsham and Stawell.”

Mr Broad also forwarded a copy of the letter onto Premier Daniel Andrews.

“I could think of no better way to reallocate some of those funds than to support Australians living in regional communities with a fantastic regional passenger rail system once again, if we can connect some of these smaller regions to bigger towns and cities we support our economy and we certainly help support those needing to take these big trips regularly,” Mr Broad said.

“I’m eagerly awaiting a response from the state and I look forward to working with them to see this outcome for the people of the Wimmera Mallee.”

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