

# Media Release

## Andrew Broad

Member for Mallee

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### **MORE FREIGHT ON THE RAILWAY AFTER MULTI MILLION DOLLAR RAIL NETWORK UPGRADE.**

The extension of crossing loops at Pimpinio, Dimboola, and Murtoa have played a key role in the Federal Governments \$15 million rail freight project, with the loops extended to 1,800 metres to allow for longer freight trains between Adelaide and Melbourne.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad said the extensions of the loops are set to increase freight capacity by up to 20 per cent with longer trains able to shift more freight, boosting efficiency and productivity.

“Overall this project will allow for the maximum length of trains on the Adelaide to Melbourne line to be increased by 300 metres, this not only means a more efficient means of freight movement but it improves congestion for motorists and cuts on transport costs.”

“A 1,800 metre train carries the equivalent of more than 85 B-Doubles worth of freight, and normally that freight would travel by road, now we can have it away from other road users and on the railway.”

“The project has also seen an extra passing loop at Dimboola installed providing better opportunity for trains heading in opposite direction to pass one another safely,” Mr Broad said.

Under the Melbourne-Adelaide Loops project crossing loops have also been extended at Pyrenees and Diapur.

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