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Committees call for business-friendly commuting

Committees for Ballarat and Melbourne issued a joint call today for dedicated business workspaces with WiFi facilities on all commuter trains between Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong.

Committee for Melbourne CEO Andrew MacLeod made the announcement during a presentation to Committee for Ballarat Executive members and guests at the Chair's luncheon today.

"Leaders in business practice across the globe now have productive, efficient and flexible work facilities on public transport."

Governments and service providers who want to attract the world's best practitioners are realising this is a great way to make sure these people live and work in our midst. It's a critical part of attracting leading businesses" Mr MacLeod said.

In supporting the statement, the Chair of Committee for Ballarat Mr Tony Chew said the move to have better communication facilities for reliable access to the web on all trains travelling between regional centres and Melbourne has already been sought.

It is a service that would have wide appeal and many commuters are surprised it is not already available.

"If we could dedicate facilities for workspaces as well as reliable communications on all train and bus services, then commuters would gain higher productivity on these journeys, and service providers would have a very marketable facility" Mr Chew said.

The Committee for Melbourne and Committee for Ballarat call jointly on the State Government and service providers to implement a series of dedicated trials on each of regional Victorian commuter lines.

The facilities would include specialist fit-out in commuter services equivalent to what now exist in equivalent best-practice international locations Mr MacLeod said.

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