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Committee for Ballarat Urges Review of Regional Rail Link

The Committee for Ballarat contacted Minister Mulder this week to call for a review of Victroria's Regional Rail Link.

The Regional Rail Link will give separate tracks to metropolitan trains and lines to Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo.

"The Committee is a strong advocate for the construction of the Regional Rail Link. Doug Lloyd, CEO, Committee of Ballarat said.

"However, we did question the previous government regarding the cost-benefits to Ballarat."

Planning for the $4.3b link is likely to be being re-investigated with accusations of a budget blow-out and the EPA reporting very significant environmental and health impacts on residents in Footscray.

"We support a thorough review of the benefits and costs of the link." Doug said.

"We hope the Government can quickly find a way to deliver benefits to the Ballarat region at significantly lower cost."

"This is an opportunity to conduct a review and ensure that there are substantial, equitable and commensurate benefits for Ballarat region residents, as well those in Bendigo and Geelong," Doug Lloyd concluded.

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