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Committee's successful advocacy-VicRoads to construct Ballarat West Link Road

Committee for Ballarat was thrilled today to receive a letter from the Hon Terry Mulder MP, Minister for Roads advising that VicRoads will undertake construction of the first stage of the Ballarat West Link Road.

The letter was a response to a request from the Committee for Ballarat advocating VicRoads undertake construction.

"We are very pleased. The Committee worked hard to secure the \$38m funding for the road and is very keen to see it completed," CEO of Committee for Ballarat, Doug Lloyd said.

There has been a question on who should construct the road considering it will initially be a city road. The strong feeling is that VicRoads is the preferred builder because the City of Ballarat does not have this as a core role.

The Ballarat West Link Road is essential to the success of the Ballarat West Employment Zone. It is a catalyst for major regional economic and employment reform and outcomes including \$4b gross returns, \$1.4b added value and up to 9,200 jobs in the next ten years.

"VicRoads clearly has significant capacity to construct and maintain major roads which cannot be said of the City of Ballarat. The City were willing but not enthusiastic about the possibility of taking on the massive project," Doug added.

The road needs to be built within the next four years and the Committee and its Ballarat West Employment Zone Task Team will continue to provide whatever support is required to ensure its construction," Doug said.

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