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MASTER BUILDERS WELCOMES FEDERAL LABOR'S INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITY

Master Builders has welcomed news that federal funding for the \$11 billion Melbourne Metro rail project would become Labor's top Victorian infrastructure priority should they win the next national election.

"As the fastest-growing state in Australia, the need for transportation infrastructure to accommodate that growth is of the utmost importance for the economy of the state and quality of life for all Victorians," Master Builders Association of Victoria CEO Radley de Silva said.

"Minister Albanese's statement today acknowledges that financial support for our state's infrastructure must come from all levels of government to meet the rapidly increasing demand for the service and utility it provides," he said.

"The urgency grows more severe daily, and the economic penalty for Victoria has been allowed to worsen as the launch of critical infrastructure works are delayed by partisan politics," Mr de Silva said.

"We cannot afford to postpone investment in the infrastructure that makes Victoria a great place to live and do business," he said. "Our state's strong reputation will become more fragile every day we delay their responsible planning and execution.

"We urge elected officials from all parties to address the needs of Victorians by increasing spending on its transportation infrastructure," he said.

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