



Melbourne Airport Rail Link A Game-Changer for Tourism

The accommodation industry is strongly supportive of a fresh Federal Government proposal to build a rail link to Melbourne Airport from the central business district (CBD) of Melbourne.

Speaking on behalf of the industry, the Accommodation Association of Australia said the quicker the project becomes a reality, the more benefits there will be for the industry, as well as the local and national economies.

The Association's Chief Executive Officer, Richard Munro, said: "Melbourne is a truly global city and therefore, a rail link from the CBD to Melbourne Airport would be a key piece of infrastructure for the city, for Victoria and for Australia, including the tourism industry.

"Given the increasing problem local and international visitors to Melbourne are having with congestion, a project such as this has the potential to be a real game-changer.

"With congestion being a constant problem on the Tullamarine Freeway, a rail link to Melbourne Airport would be well patronised by corporate travellers and people travelling for leisure alike.

"Virtually all of the airports servicing the largest cities in the world are connected to city centres and local major transport hubs by rail, and in Australia, there are already airport rail links in Sydney and Brisbane, while Perth is under construction.

"The increased access to and from one of Australia's one important tourism gateways would be extremely positive for the Victorian and national economies, as well as communities along the transport corridor.

"The accommodation industry is particularly pleased the Andrews State Government has indicated it will work with the Turnbull Federal Government on the rail link to Melbourne Airport.

"Both governments are to be commended for supporting what is an extremely important proposal."

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