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Cr Bruce Harwood  
Mayor, City of Greater Geelong  
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Dear Mayor Harwood

**NEW SPIRIT OF PROGRESS REGIONAL FAST RAIL ALLIANCE**

I would like to thank you for taking the initiative in forming the New Spirit of Progress Regional Fast Rail Alliance, Latrobe City is fully supportive of the initiative and believes unified advocacy is critical to secure significant investment in regional rail infrastructure.

Latrobe City has felt great impact from an increasingly unreliable passenger service, which has resulted in greater social disadvantage for our community. The current Regional Rail Revival works address some issues; however it is evident that there will not be significant improvements in service delivery until a dedicated regional line into Melbourne's CBD is established.

The proposed fast rail would significantly benefit the growth and prosperity of our regional city, enabling inbound and outbound labour flow, improved access to education, health facilities, facilitate social inclusion and support tourist industry development.

Latrobe City Council is committed to supporting Victoria's population growth and looks forward to working with the Alliance to improve connectedness across regional Victoria.

If you would like to discuss the issues further please contact Bruce Connolly, Economic Development Manager on 03 5128 5759 or via [bruce.connolly@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:bruce.connolly@latrobe.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Cr Graeme Middlemiss  
**Mayor**

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