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Civil Contractors Federation Victoria welcomes 10-year Plan for Industrial Land and Greater Avalon Employment Precinct plan

CCF Victoria welcomes the state government's 10-year Plan for Industrial Land in Victoria and calls for early engagement of the civil industry to ensure the plan and related initiatives, including the Greater Avalon Employment Precinct plan, succeed in their objectives.

With Victoria's population forecast to grow to more than 10 million by mid-century, jobs and related opportunities, such as housing, will be crucial for the community.

This is an important opportunity for the Victorian community, jobseekers and industry alike, but it must be done right. The 10-year Industrial Land Plan identifies that industrial land is critical for jobs, manufacturing, logistics, freight, processing materials and, therefore, for Victoria's economic growth and capacity.

To realise the benefits for jobs, investment and productivity, civil infrastructure enabling works must be delivered in parallel with rezoning and land release.

To ensure the Plan's success, CCF Victoria calls for:

- A dedicated, timely funding mechanism for construction of roads, utilities and drainage so that land is "shovel-ready" for developers and occupiers.
- A streamlined approvals framework that reduces duplication, lays out clear milestones and incentivises early engagement of civil contractors in precinct readiness.
- Transparent sequencing of precinct releases so contractors, sub-contractors and supply chains can mobilise resources, invest with confidence and deliver efficiently.
- Recognition of the civil industry's role in unlocking land as a key part of the industrial ecosystem, not just building the facility but delivering the enabling infrastructure.

This is not without its challenges. The government has acknowledged a lack of enabling infrastructure, delays or uncertainty in planning approvals and lack of coordination across government constrain development.

If the government is serious about realising its objectives of the 10-year Industrial Land Plan and related regional employment precincts, it must ensure the known issues that could undermine the plan's success are addressed in advance.

That begins with the early engagement of civil contractors, the professionals who will deliver the civil infrastructure that underpins all such industrial land developments.