



City of Casey

2022-23 Australian Government Pre-budget submission

Connecting Casey to jobs, growth, and opportunities, closer to home.

The City of Casey's big population needs big investment. We are one of Australia's fastest growing regions, currently home to more than 380,000 residents and forecast to grow to more than 549,000 by 2041 (rivalling the population of Canberra).

Our location, in Greater South East Melbourne, and unprecedented growth, presents a range of opportunities for the Australian Government to partner with the City of Casey and the region more broadly to unleash the economic and urban potential of what is one of Australia's fastest growing regions.

We know that investment in the City of Casey and the surrounding region will create employment opportunities and boost productivity.

As Casey continues to expand and mature as a thriving city with a resilient and engaged population, it creates opportunities for strong government partnerships to deliver outcomes that will benefit the south east.

The Casey community have told us they consider major rail and transport upgrades as the most important for the State and Federal Governments to invest in, followed by local job opportunities, health services and facilities and other infrastructure.

Our *2022-23 Pre-Budget Submission* outlines the priority projects and initiatives that are important to our community and will transform the way our community connects to jobs, education, recreation, and services they need.

Council is calling for critical road and rail infrastructure to mitigate transport congestion, boost jobs and stimulate economic recovery, including:

- Clyde Rail Link, the long-awaited metro rail line extension from Cranbourne to Clyde. This project is supported by 97 per cent of residents recently surveyed.
- The upgrade of key arterial roads including:
 - Clyde Road Corridor; the most congested north-south connection in the city and one of the most dangerous. This road will service a growing resident population of more than 240,000 residents by 2041 along with tens of thousands of more commuters a day.
 - Thompsons Road upgrade and extension, which will serve Casey and Cardinia (home to almost 500,000) and unlock a regional employment precinct of up to 100,000 jobs and create an alternate route to the Monash Freeway.

In addition to transformational transport infrastructure, the City of Casey is also seeking:

- A new Headspace satellite centre for our growing suburbs to improve access to mental health services, closer to home, for our young people. Currently the City of Casey is home to only one Headspace Centre, located in Narre Warren and it sees a caseload of twice the national average.
- 100 gigabit fibre connection to critical commercial precincts in the municipality, which are currently without reliable, high-speed internet, affecting their capacity to operate, innovate and scale up their operations.
- Increased mobile towers and 5G deployment in new estates to reduce mobile blackspots in the city, particularly in our growth suburbs of Clyde and Clyde North.
- Continued investment in local community infrastructure to ensure our growing communities have access to these services and facilities close to home when they move in and not ten to twenty years down the track.

The priorities highlighted in this pre-budget submission for Australian Government funding support can be delivered in partnership with the City of Casey, thereby connecting our growing population with what they most need for a vibrant and sustainable future.



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PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF CASEY

City of Casey is advocating for critical projects to connect our growing community with the infrastructure and services they need and want.

TRANSFORMATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CASEY		
<p>Clyde Rail Link</p>	<p>Construction of the long awaited, duplicated rail extension from Cranbourne to Clyde will connect new and growing communities of Cranbourne East, Clyde and Clyde North to access services they need.</p> <p>This project will require new stations for Cranbourne East, Clyde and Casey Fields, and an upgraded station and bus interchange at Cranbourne and future train stabling.</p> <p>More than 97 per cent of residents recently surveyed, support this project.</p> <p>Construction of Clyde Rail Link would provide hundreds of local jobs and stimulate the local economy in a region hard hit by the pandemic as well as create a legacy for Melbourne’s south-east.</p>	<p>Estimated costs \$1.5B - \$3B*</p> <p>*See project flyer (Appendix 1) for details and map.</p>
<p>Clyde Road Corridor Upgrade</p>	<p>The City of Casey is seeking funding from the Victorian and Australian Governments to construct a safer and upgraded Clyde Road Corridor (Clyde Road, Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Clyde Five-Ways Road).</p> <p>Clyde Road corridor is the main and most congested, north-south arterial road corridor in the City of Casey, providing a vital connection between Berwick, Cranbourne, Clyde North and Clyde.</p> <p>This critical road project will duplicate up to 8km of arterial road (up to three lanes in each direction), upgrade intersections, create new shared path connections, bus stops and pedestrian crossings, improved traffic management technology and early planning for Clyde Five Ways Road and Ballarto Road to cater for future growth.</p> <p>This project can be constructed in stages for efficient delivery.</p>	<p>Estimated costs \$350M - \$450M*</p> <p>*See project flyer (Appendix 2) for project details and map.</p>

REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

<p>Thompsons Road upgrade and extension</p>	<p>The City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council consider the upgrade and extension of Thompsons Road as one of the region’s highest transport priorities.</p> <p>The Thompsons Road upgrade and extension, from Berwick-Cranbourne Road in Clyde through to Koo Wee Rup Road in Pakenham will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a 30km cross metropolitan high-capacity transport, freight and public transport route from Carrum to Pakenham. This will service Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia. • Unlock the southeast employment corridor as well as new freight and residential land. • Enable regional connections to Gippsland (M1), South Gippsland (C422), Mornington Peninsula (M780 and M11) and EastLink (M3). • This project will unlock a growing regional employment precinct of up to 100,000 local jobs, as well as creating over 500 construction jobs. 	<p>Estimated costs \$785M* *See project flyer (Appendix 3) for proposed project staging and associated costs.</p>
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The Clyde Road Corridor is the busiest and most congested North South connection in the City of Casey. In a recent city-wide survey, 84% of respondents said upgrading this stretch of road was important

CITY-WIDE SERVICE INITIATIVES

<p>Headspace for Casey</p>	<p>Currently the City of Casey is home to only one Headspace Centre, located in Narre Warren and it sees a caseload of twice the national average.</p> <p>Overflow for demand is being redirected to Council. Both services are at capacity and there is not adequate funding to keep up with the demand.</p> <p>A new Headspace satellite service centre is desperately needed in the City of Casey, located within the city's significant growth area catchments of Cranbourne and Clyde.</p>	<p>\$750,000 for the first year \$450,000 per annum thereafter</p>
<p>100 gigabit coverage for commercial precincts</p>	<p>Rollout of a 100-gigabit fibre connection to critical commercial precincts in the municipality which are currently without reliable, high-speed internet.</p> <p>Local businesses are severely impacted by current poor internet access, which is affecting the organisations' capacity to operate, including reducing profitability, especially in cloud-based businesses. Without access to high-speed, 5G data network it is difficult for organisation to invest in innovation, research and development as they cannot trial emerging technology.</p> <p>This is hampering opportunity for growth as well as local employment and economic benefits.</p>	<p>Rollout of 100 gb fibre to Berwick Health and Education Precinct, Berwick High Street and Hallam Industrial Park.</p>
<p>Reduce mobile blackspots in growing suburbs</p>	<p>City of Casey is home to a growing number of residents living in mobile blackspots.</p> <p>The detrimental social and economic impact of poor mobile coverage is being acutely felt by residents in Clyde and Clyde North, two of the fastest growing suburbs in Melbourne's south-east. This has been exacerbated during the restrictions placed on metropolitan Victorians during the COVID 19 response.</p> <p>The City of Casey is seeking a funding commitment through the Mobile Black Spot Program to improve mobile coverage for its residents and business in growing new communities.</p>	<p>Increased mobile towers in Clyde and Clyde North</p> <p>Increased 5G deployment in new estates</p>

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The following projects, both large and small, are vital to the City of Casey's future.

If funded, Council will work with the Federal Government and key stakeholders to mobilise and deliver these projects in a timely manner.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS		
Glasscocks Road Corridor	<p>Council is seeking upgrades and improvements to the future east-west arterial route that connects Officer South through to the Dandenong South employment area.</p> <p>The extension is in planning and could be delivered within three to five years, creating 400 jobs during construction. Once complete, the road project will link key residential areas to employment hubs (65,000 potential jobs) in Casey, Cardinia and Dandenong and create an improved road network.</p>	<p>Estimated total cost \$600M*</p> <p><i>*Project can be staged.</i></p>
Linsell Boulevard Extension (Cranbourne bypass)	<p>The Linsell Boulevard Extension (Cranbourne Bypass) will expand the east-west arterial network servicing Cranbourne, Cranbourne East and Clyde.</p> <p>This project will create a link for three major arterial roads in the south-east.</p>	\$75M
Evans Road Duplication	<p>The Evans Road corridor is an important and missing link on the state arterial road network. Duplication of Evans Road from South Gippsland Highway to Hall Road, will reduce congestion and improve safety and connectivity.</p>	\$170M
Soldiers Road Pedestrian Bridge	<p>Council is seeking a shared pedestrian/cycle bridge at the northern end of Soldiers Road, over the Monash Freeway that allows for safe passage between Berwick South and the Berwick Health and Education Precinct.</p>	<p>\$3M feasibility</p> <p>\$25M - 40M construction</p>
Narre Warren CBD bypass	<p>A bypass around Narre Warren Village is needed to revitalise the shopping precinct and improve active and public transport links to the Village. Road duplication, widening and a new road alignment between Shrives Road and Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road will reduce through traffic.</p>	\$200M

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE		
Alexander Boulevard Recreation and Community Hub	<p>Alexander Boulevard Recreation and Community Hub will be Casey's first fully integrated community hub, recreation pavilion, family and community centre. It is set to be located in the heart of the future Clyde Town Centre one of Casey's fastest growing communities.</p> <p>Construction can take place 2024-2025, 2025-26</p>	<p>Design: \$200,000</p> <p>Construction: \$15M</p>
Autumn Place Community Hub - Stage 2	<p>Extension of the Autumn Place Community Hub to better integrate services into the activity centre.</p> <p>Planning for the project is anticipated to commence in 2023, with a two-year construction timeframe.</p>	\$12M
Family and community centre renewals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and renewal of Berwick Children's Centre (Peel Street, Berwick). Planned to commence design in 2022/23 and construction 2023/24 • Mansfield Street Kindergarten renewal construction can begin 2022-23. • Gwendoline Drive Family and Community Centre. Planned to commence design in 2023/24 and construction 2024/25. 	<p>Berwick Children's Centre: \$665,000</p> <p>Mansfield Street: \$153,000</p> <p>Gwendoline: \$153,000</p>
Wilson Botanic Park Berwick	<p>Implementation of key projects that will equip this much-loved community with the facilities it needs to support the growing community. Key projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playspace upgrade, including accessible features. • Relocate and upgrade the visitors' centre. • Upgrade and extend car parking <p>If funded, these projects could be constructed 2024-25.</p>	<p>Playspace: \$3M</p> <p>Visitors' Centre: \$6M</p> <p>Carpark: \$4M</p>
Casey Fields Masterplan	<p>Implementation of significant items in the Casey Fields Masterplan, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 of the Casey Fields Fitness Trail (construction 2023-24) Cost: \$1.2M • Construction of a pump track in the sport cycling precinct (construction 2023-24) Cost: \$300,00 • Stage 2 of the Regional Playspace to include an expanded all abilities play area and interactive water play (construction 2024-25) Cost: \$2M • Lighting redevelopment, design and construction, at the AFL/VFL Oval to support televised AFLW, VFLW and VFL night games (Design/construction 2023-24, 2024-25) Cost: \$2.5M 	Total project costs \$6M

<p>Max Pawsey Reserve upgrades and improvements</p>	<p>Upgrades to improve the functionality and condition of the existing facilities to best meet the sporting and recreational needs of the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tennis pavilion and car parking, including female friendly change facilities and multi-purpose spaces. (\$1.34M) • Social Family Recreation Park, car park and works (\$350,000) • New dual purpose modular building and events stage (\$50,000 design, \$471,000 construction) • Cricket practice nets (\$55,000) • New electronic scoreboard (\$54,000) 	<p>Total project costs \$2.32M</p>
<p>Sweeney Reserve upgrades</p>	<p>Upgrades to the softball and baseball floodlighting and surfaces. Featuring eight diamonds, the floodlighting upgrade and surface improvements at Casey's Municipal Softball and Baseball centre at Sweeney Reserve, will better meet the needs of its grassroots to elite participants. Construction 2022-23.</p>	<p>\$1.4M</p>
<p>Edwin Flack Reserve Athletics Precinct upgrade</p>	<p>This is an essential project to upgrade athletics facilities at Edwin Flack Reserve which is home to the second largest athletics club in Victoria. It includes the following works which can be completed in 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New sheltered terrace seating. Cost \$515,000 • Pavilion upgrades Cost: \$1.02M • New Olympic Walk entry way acknowledging Edwin Flack's contribution to athletics. Cost: \$150,000 • New fencing. Cost: \$10,000 	<p>Total project costs \$1.69M</p>
<p>Edwin Flack Reserve; play, path and landscaping</p>	<p>Upgrades to playground, paths and landscaping that will improve community accessibility at the venue as well as enhancing social connection and physical activity.</p>	<p>Total cost \$380K</p>
<p>Clyde Rail Trail – Great Southern Rail Trail</p>	<p>Part of the Great Southern Rail Trail project. Design and construct a shared path along the railway corridor from the future Clyde station to the Council boundary with Cardinia, and design of an extension to the Tooradin Township.</p> <p>Project concept and design work can be undertaken 2023/24 and construction undertaken in 2024/25.</p>	<p>Project concept and design \$128,000</p> <p>Construction \$1,340,700</p>

The City of Casey welcomes any support or enquiries regarding these projects or any others. For more information, please contact Council's Advocacy Team or the CEO's office.

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