

# PLANNING FOR THE BEVERIDGE INTERMODAL FREIGHT TERMINAL

Beveridge has been identified by the State Government as a prime location for Victoria's interstate freight hub. This exciting infrastructure will play a significant role in delivering efficiencies in the movement of freight, ease traffic congestion and unlock job opportunities for a rapidly expanding community.

## We are seeking:

We require a commitment from the State and Federal Government to undertake the planning for the Beveridge Interstate Freight Terminal and confirm the development timeframes. We need to:

- **Invest \$250,000** to develop a business case for an intermodal freight terminal in Beveridge
- **Acquire the land** needed for the Beveridge Intermodal Freight Terminal



**The Victorian Government has identified Beveridge as the preferred location for an interstate freight hub to maximise productivity in Australia's freight network.**

Over 1000 hectares of land has been identified for the proposed Beveridge Intermodal Freight Terminal and associated freight and logistics based industrial area. Once operational, the terminal will enable freight to be transferred from Victoria's two largest ports of Melbourne and Geelong to the rest of Australia.

The proposed site is positioned east of the Melbourne-Sydney rail line and north of the E6 Freeway reservation and is strategically located to maximise links to the Melbourne-Sydney-Brisbane rail line, Hume Freeway and proposed Outer Metropolitan Ring Road (refer to map overleaf).

## BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT

The confirmation and delivery of this project will have the following benefits:

- An increase in local/regional employment opportunities and additional local expenditure in an area of rapid growth.
- The upgrade of road and transport networks will increase accessibility and assist multiple users, including freight, to navigate and travel with greater cohesiveness. This will provide a strategic advantage and includes the Outer Metropolitan Ring and E6 Transport Corridor.
- The delivery of infrastructure will encourage additional investment within the northern growth corridor, which will be vital for an area which is projected to have a population of over 150,000 in the next 30 years.
- It will support the State freight network by relieving current pressure on the freight terminal at West Melbourne (Dynamon Road).

The proposed Beveridge Intermodal Freight Terminal is located in the municipalities of Whittlesea and Mitchell and is on the doorstep of one of Melbourne's fastest growing communities.

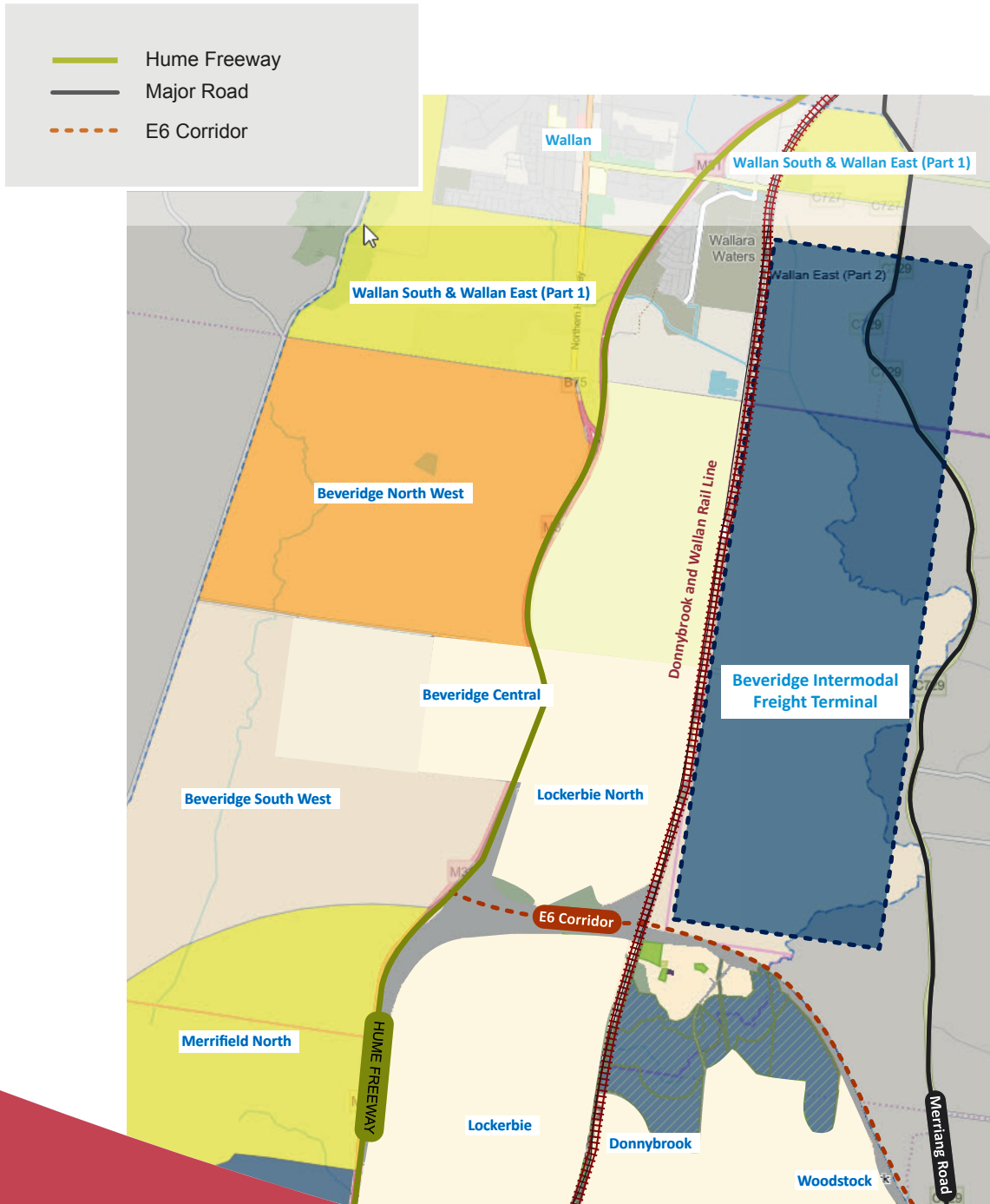
It is located in close proximity to future residential growth areas that will accommodate over 100,000 people in the next 30 years.

Beveridge has been identified as a key employment precinct. The development of the interstate freight terminal and supporting industries is expected to contribute 10,000 jobs to the region.

## NEXT STEPS

Efficient intermodal terminals in Melbourne and Brisbane are critical to realising the benefits of Inland Rail and will provide broader economic benefits including improving the competitiveness of Australia's freight supply chain.

Whilst 1,000 hectares has been set aside for the terminal and associated industries, the facility is still only a concept and in the early stages of planning. As such, with no clear commitment or timeframes, it makes the integration of infrastructure planning with the adjoining Precinct Structure Plan very difficult.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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