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RE Maroona to Portland Line

Dear Matthew

The Rail Freight Alliance is a membership-based organisation representing municipalities across rural, regional and metropolitan Victoria. The Alliance's mission is to increase freight mode share to Rail and ensure an efficient freight system for Victoria and neighbouring states.

The Rail Freight Alliance welcomed the funding to upgrade the Maroona to Portland Line

The Alliance acknowledges that this section of line is not part of the interstate network, however with the standardisation of the Mildura Line and the predicted mineral sands freight task this is a timely investment.

If the mineral sand freight task was to be undertaken by the road, it would have a detrimental impact on the road network, road safety and increased vehicle emissions.

The Rail Freight Alliance supports the view that this section of line should be considered as part of an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission review, ensuring that its usage and maintenance is monitored.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Rail Freight Alliance.