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G21 welcomes City Deal ‘break-through’

Today’s federal-state government agreement on projects and funding for a City Deal for Geelong and the Great Ocean Road has been welcomed by G21 CEO Elaine Carbines.

“This is an historic day for Geelong and the wider region,” Ms Carbines said.

“The benefits the deal will bring to the regional economy, both in the medium and longer-term, can’t be overstated.

“The City Deal is a one-in-a-lifetime stimulus opportunity for the regional economy.

“The deal is set to bring visionary investment in major transformative projects across future years, which will boost the economy, drive growth and create jobs.

“That’s why G21 has pursued both the federal and state governments aggressively over many months to have the deal locked-down before the coming federal election.

“G21 is proud to have played a leading role in advocating for the City Deal over several years; right from the time the concept of City Deals was first flagged by the Turnbull government.

“G21 had numerous face-to-face talks with federal and state politicians about the deal, and has made it one of its priority projects. G21 was in Canberra again as recently as last month, meeting with the Prime Minister and others, specifically to advocate for a swift finalisation of the deal.

“All of the projects agreed for the City Deal are worthy of investment.

“G21 congratulates the federal and state governments on negotiating a break-through on projects to be funded in order to achieve a great outcome for Geelong and the wider region.

“Successful City Deals focus on leveraging the strengths and qualities of cities and their regions and depend on cooperation for mutual benefit. Regional cooperation is at the heart of G21’s purpose for existing,” Ms Carbines said.

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