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ROAD SAFETY BOOST FOR LILYDALE- WARBURTON RAIL TRAIL

Johan Scheffer, Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria, announced that the Lilydale-Warburton Rail Trail will benefit from a \$1.5 million funding boost from the Brumby Government.

Mr Scheffer said the funding would allow the Lilydale-Warburton Rail Trail to be linked over the Maroondah Highway, creating a dedicated and safe bicycle and pedestrian crossing at this point.

It comes on top of \$1.8 million already committed by the Government and \$200,000 committed by the Yarra Ranges Shire and means the \$3.5 million project is now fully funded.

“The trail starts at the Lilydale Railway Station and follows the old railway alignment, but there is no dedicated bicycle crossing of the Maroondah Highway at Lilydale,”

“VicRoads, Parks Victoria and the Shire of Yarra Ranges will work together to deliver this vital link in the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail.”

“This will further improve safety for the many cyclists who use this popular bicycle route” Mr Scheffer said.

Mr Scheffer said projects such as this one are the result of consultation with the community and local councils about their needs to improve their transport networks.

“The Brumby Government is delivering transport links that enhance tourism, improve the efficiency of our freight operations and ensures the best transport system for all Victoria.” Mr Scheffer said.

Works are expected to start in early 2009.