

Media Release

Andrew Broad

Member for Mallee

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RAIL IS ON TRACK, BUT THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad has taken a moment in the Australian Parliament today to mark a significant milestone for the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions – with the first standard gauge freight train departing Merbein heading for Melbourne this afternoon.

Mr Broad highlighted the milestone was a significant one with the Federal Government securing \$240 million for the Murray Basin Rail Plan,

“What an exciting day for our regions, to have standard freight rail all the way from Merbein to Mildura is a great step, but, there is more to be done in rail in the electorate of Mallee,”

“If there is one thing that I can think of that will transform the Wimmera, it would be to get passenger rail from Horsham through Stawell, all the way to Ararat, then to Ballarat and ultimately to Melbourne,” Mr Broad said.

Mr Broad told the parliament he would like to see a joint business case for the project between state and federal governments funded.

“Passenger rail is important because it links those who are unwell to health services, it links the community.”

“We look forward to fighting hard for this outcome for our people over the next few years,” Mr Broad said.

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