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The Geelong Chamber of Commerce welcomes today's historic commitment from the Federal and State Governments entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for a City Deal for Geelong and the Great Ocean Road.

This will be the first City Deal for a Victorian city and the fifth to be announced across Australia since 2016.

Geelong will now be joining Townsville, Launceston, Hobart and western Sydney as City Deal locations.

The City Deal will bring together federal, state and local governments to select and deliver a series of major projects that will boost jobs, improve infrastructure and further advance the region.

I was delighted, along with Geelong Chamber President Kylie Warne, to attend today's announcement on the Geelong waterfront with other key stakeholders.

This City Deal is a significant investment in the region's economy. The Geelong Chamber of Commerce has actively supported a City Deal for Geelong and the Great Ocean Road.

It was one of the region's key advocacy priorities leading into this year's State election.

So I am delighted that many hours of hard work by a large number of key stakeholders preparing submissions meeting and lobbying Federal and State MP's has paid dividends with today's announcement of significant funding for key projects across the region.

I congratulate the Federal and State Governments for collaborating together to achieve this outcome, that will continue to advance our region forward as one of Australia's leading investment hotspots.

I look forward to seeing many of the projects earmarked as part of this deal begin to come to fruition, including the long-awaited Geelong Convention and Exhibition Centre and continued investment in Revitalising Central Geelong.

As one of Australia's leading regional business bodies, the Geelong Chamber of Commerce is encouraged to see the confidence levels in the region's business community continue to grow.

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