

OUR PRIORITY

A new Swan Hill Bridge



Project Description

- Council has advocated for a new Swan Hill Bridge since 1998.
- The current single-lane bridge:
 - Creates traffic bottlenecks.
 - Is unsuitable for heavy freight.
 - Incurs high ongoing maintenance costs.
- A new bridge is the top priority Murray River crossing project, with strong cross-border community support.
- Progress is stalled due to Victorian heritage listing issues. NSW has committed to de-registering the bridge; action is now required from Heritage Victoria.
- Final designs are underway, with Transport NSW signalling strong support.

Project Benefits

- **Freight Efficiency:** Enables safe, modern freight movement across Victoria and NSW.
- **Regional Connectivity:** Improves traffic flow and reduces delays for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- **Economic Growth:** Strengthens supply chains, tourism, and investment opportunities in the Murray region.
- **Cost Savings:** Reduces reliance on the ageing, high-maintenance single-lane bridge.
- **Community Safety:** Provides a reliable, fit-for-purpose crossing for all road users.

Funding Request

- **Total additional funding required: \$80 million.**
- Council is calling on the Victorian Government to invest \$40 million, matching efforts to secure the balance from NSW.
- **Confirmed commitments:**
 - \$60 million – Federal Government.
 - \$7.5 million – NSW Government.

Call to Action

Council seeks Government support to:

- Advocate to Heritage Victoria to resolve the heritage listing barrier.
- Publicly demonstrate commitment to delivering this critical regional infrastructure project.