

ADVOCACY AGENDA 25/26 PROPOSAL #2:

## LATROBE AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY PRECINCT AT LATROBE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Latrobe City Council is calling on state and federal governments to invest in Australia's only Integrated Advanced Air Mobility Ecosystem to diversify our economy and create new industries.

Latrobe City Council is calling on both state and federal governments to partner with us and invest in the development of the Latrobe Aerospace Technology Precinct (Precinct).

Established in 2024 at the Latrobe Regional Airport, this state-of-the-art hub is the first of its kind in Australia. Launched in partnership with Invest Victoria, this strategically positioned Precinct was designed with a vision to generate investment and technological advancements in emerging zero-emissions industries, particularly Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and other eco-friendly aviation initiatives that offer significant economic, environmental, and industrial benefits.

With sustainable aviation and technologies being a key priority of the federal government's policy agenda, Council stands ready to house investment in emerging industries.

This is why we are calling on both state and federal governments to partner with us and build a dedicated AAM facility that will support small-scale manufacturing, research, and development, and be a 'launchpad' for startups.

This purpose-built facility will underpin Australia's first fully integrated AAM ecosystem, facilitating economic diversification while generating employment opportunities and paving the way for a new industry workforce. It will enhance access to local Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) jobs, foster innovation among startups and enable new zero-emissions capabilities across various sectors such as logistics, emergency services, and passenger transport.

Our proposal for the Precinct also aims to activate council-owned commercially zoned land by extending a taxiway, facilitating development, providing access to land for the niche aviation market, and importantly generate hundreds of jobs.

## We are calling for:

State and federal governments to partner with us to drive investment at the Latrobe Regional Airport.

