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## **NEW CVLX CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES**

Construction of the new Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX) is now underway with bulk earthworks commencing onsite this week.

The new multi-million-dollar facility represents a project of State and Regional significance and will deliver one of the state's most modern facilities for the marketing of cattle and sheep in Ballarat.

Regional Infrastructure Pty Limited (RIPL) Managing Director and CVLX Spokesperson, Garry Edwards, stated that "once operational, the new CVLX facility will maintain and strengthen Ballarat's reputation as the major regional hub for livestock sales in Central Victoria".

"The modern facilities, improvements in the sale presentation of livestock and enhanced animal welfare outcomes will no doubt expand the geographic area from which livestock are drawn for sale, making it a project of both State and Regional significance and further adding to the economic benefits the project will bring to the Ballarat region.

Mr Edwards, said social and economic benefits were already materialising now construction was underway, with further benefits likely once construction was complete and operations commenced.

"We've recently appointed skilled local businesses to support the construction team in various areas such as pavilion infrastructure and civil services," he said.

"There will be further indirect economic benefits that will flow from the project over the next 12 months, including accommodation, meals, and miscellaneous goods and services," Mr Edwards said.

Preliminary earthworks will prepare the site for construction, which is expected to be completed in time for sales in mid-2018.

"This facility has been designed to deliver an efficient, technologically advanced marketplace for Stock Agents that will significantly enhance their ability to achieve positive outcomes for vendors utilising the new facility," Mr Edwards said.

"Feedback from Agents and community stakeholders has been considered right up until this point prior to construction starting.

"As a result of this input, and the need to have capacity to transact an estimated 70,000 cattle and 1.6million sheep through the CVLX facility, the design has been optimised to ensure fast efficient livestock processing with improved safety outcomes for all employees and contractors operating on the site," he said.

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For more information about the CVLX Project visit [www.cvlx.com.au](http://www.cvlx.com.au).



## **BACKGROUNDER**

CVLX will be built on a 45.6ha site bounded by the Sunraysia and Western Highways. A natural ridgeline and the Burrumbeet Creek and floodplain separate the site from the nearest township, Miners Rest. The site is approximately 12.5km driving distance from the Ballarat CBD, 11.6km from the existing saleyards.

### **What will it look like?**

When developed, CVLX will consist largely of single storey roofed saleyard and open air temporary holding pens. Adjoining these will be an office and administrative building, car parking and an onsite café.

Truck parking, loading and maintenance areas will be less visible as these will be located on the western side of facility pavilions.

The balance of the site will feature a series of water treatment ponds and resting paddocks for livestock.

Access to the site will be via Sunraysia Highway.

### **Features of CVLX will include:**

- An efficient layout which will improve the process of livestock penning, identification and classification to ensure sale days are conducted safely and efficiently.
- Capacity for an estimated 70,000 cattle and 1.6 million sheep per annum.
- A safe working environment for stock agents, buyers and others working at the facility, including improved separation of livestock and people.
- Modern infrastructure to reduce injury to animals and optimise animal comfort and quality, including soft flooring, feeding facilities, low-bruise panelling, and undercover cattle and sheep yards.
- Quality environmental improvements including rainwater harvesting, waste water recycling, sealed roadways and low energy lighting.
- High quality infrastructure for agents and patrons including offices, hygiene services, on-site cafeteria, dedicated parking, truck wash down facilities, and efficient loading areas.
- Site perimeter landscaping and tree planting.