

Media Release

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CREATING A RING OF NEW PARKLAND IN OUR GROWING SUBURBS

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will create new parklands, more than 170 times the size of the Royal Botanic Gardens, to make sure that every Victorian family has a great local park, no matter where they live.

This unprecedented investment will turn Victoria into the parks capital of Australia, with suburbs like Officer, Clyde, Craigieburn, South Morang and Carrum getting new parks equivalent to more than 3,000 MCGs.

Labor will invest \$150 million to create more than 6,500 hectares of parkland and new walking and bike trails right across Melbourne, giving families great places to spend a day off.

The much-loved Seaford Wetlands will get a \$5 million package of landscaping and environmental works, with upgrades to walking paths and facilities.

The *Greening the Pipeline* project in Melbourne's west will be extended, with Labor dedicating \$8 million to build new open space between Lawrie Emmins Reserve and Skeleton Creek.

As well as creating large new parklands, bike and walking trails across Melbourne's growing outer suburbs, Labor will invest \$35 million to purchase or repurpose land to create 25 new pocket parks in built up areas, where there is a lack of public open space.

Labor will also invest a further \$10 million to upgrade tired old suburban parks. This new investment will allow councils to revamp these parks and reserves with new playgrounds, landscaping, toilets and picnic facilities, transforming them into better places for locals to enjoy.

The Liberals are putting the interests of developers first, with plans to fast track 290,000 new homes and one million people into our city's outer suburbs without the public transport, hospitals, schools or open spaces that communities need.

Only Labor will make sure our city retains its place as one of the world's best places to live.

In Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs, Labor will:

- establish Cardinia Creek South Parkland, a 508 hectare parkland near Officer
- create the Sandbelt Parklands, a 355 hectare chain of parks running from Moorabbin to Dingley Village with walking and bike trails, conservation and adventure play areas
- complete Clyde Regional Park, creating a 120 hectare parkland
- plan for the Frankston Greenbelt that will link together 1,881 hectares of parks and reserves for locals to enjoy between the Seaford wetlands and Mornington

In Melbourne's north and north-eastern suburbs, Labor will:

- create a new 2,778 hectare Upper Merri Park, near Craigieburn
- expand the Quarry Hills Parkland to cover 1,088 hectares, near South Morang
- complete the Plenty River Trail, building another 17 kilometres of walking and cycling trail stretching from Mernda to the Western Ring Road at Greensborough
- invest in new bike and walking trails across Nillumbik, Moreland, Banyule, Darebin, Hume and Whittlesea council areas

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- undertake a feasibility study for a new Wallan Regional Park

In Melbourne's west and north-western suburbs, Labor will:

- create a new 1,008 hectare Jackson Creek Park, near Sunbury
- complete Kororoit Creek Park, creating a 260 hectare parkland
- complete Werribee Township Regional Park, creating a 340 hectare parkland
- complete planning for a new 130 hectare Toolern Regional Park at Melton
- complete planning for a new 223 hectare Werribee River Park at Wyndham

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"Our suburbs are growing and for so many of us life just feels busy. We're upgrading local schools and investing in our hospitals – now we'll create new parks for families to be able to switch off, relax and enjoy."

"Some of my favourite memories are heading down to Ross Reserve in Noble Park with Cath and the kids. No matter where you live, every family should have a local park to enjoy."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"Matthew Guy has said that under the Liberals, an extra one million people will be crammed into our suburbs, and all to give his developer mates another big pay day – Labor won't let that happen."

"Only Labor will create the new parks, bike and walking trails to give thousands of Victorian families more open space close to home."