

# Media Release

**The Hon Melissa Horne MP**

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## UPGRADE WORKS TO GET MIDDLE BRIGHTON PIER OPEN AGAIN

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with vital repair and maintenance works to reopen the iconic Middle Brighton Pier.

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne said the vital repair and maintenance works will not only ensure the pier is made safe for everyone to use again in coming months but will also ensure the pier can continue to be enjoyed for years to come.

The repair works will include concrete piling and crosshead repairs making it available to use again for all Victorians, including visitors, boaters, swimmers and fishers to enjoy over the warmer months.

The works will be done in two stages. The first stage will focus on the section of the pier, built in 1977, between the foreshore and the marina arm which also provides vital access to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Marina.

The Better Piers and Waterside Facilities initiative is one of three stimulus packages totaling \$24 million to upgrade the state's ports and jetties while supporting communities needing it most.

In response to the coronavirus crisis, the Labor Government is investing in a \$2.7 billion economic stimulus Building Works package to kickstart the economy and create thousands of jobs across the state.

Ports projects under this package also include rebuilding the Altona Pier, demolishing part of the Old Flinders Jetty and repairs to the Queenscliff South Pier lifeboat shed. Other local ports projects include repairs and upgrades at Portland, Port Welshpool, Tooradin, Rye and Portarlington.

The first stage of works at Middle Brighton Pier will be carried out by Marine and Civil Maintenance Pty Ltd and are expected to be completed in March. Stage 2 works to replace concrete deck panels will be undertaken when the stage 1 is finalised, following the busy summer season.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

*"We're pleased to start repairs at Middle Brighton Pier so people can get back to doing what they love and enjoy the water and unique views of Port Phillip Bay."*

*"These vital works will come as welcome news for Victorians, particularly pedestrians, boaters, swimmers and fishers eager to enjoy what the pier has to offer."*

*"The Victorian Government's \$2.7 billion economic stimulus Building Works package, which includes nine local ports projects across Victoria, will go a long way in repairing and upgrading our ports and getting people back to work."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Nina Taylor

*"This important upgrade work on the Middle Brighton Pier will go a long way to improve safety and allow us to reopen the pier and once again enjoy everything Brighton has to offer."*

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