

Media Release

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SUPPORTING VICTORIAN COUNCILS TO PROMOTE GROWTH

The Andrews Labor Government is stimulating investment in towns and cities across the state by helping local councils unblock or fast-track planning projects and speed up the delivery of residential land.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne today announced \$2.7 million in grants have been provided to 21 councils under the *Streamlining for Growth* program, which will create jobs and drive Victoria's economic recovery.

The grants include an \$80,000 grant to the Greater Dandenong City Council to identify barriers to investment and find new ways to streamline development of Central Dandenong. The Labor Government will also remove the five per cent infrastructure recovery charge from developments on privately-owned land in Central Dandenong.

Bass Coast Shire Council will receive a \$100,000 grant to help encourage private investment in the Bass Coast by making sure land use controls align with local tourism strategies.

Moorabool Shire Council will receive a grant of \$115,000 to plan for the projected growth of Bacchus Marsh's town centre, while \$150,000 will go to Melton City Council to plan for projected growth in Rockbank's town centre.

Ballarat City Council's grant of \$160,000 will go towards developing a plan for urban renewal in the 13-hectare former Latrobe Street Saleyards and surrounding 116 hectares of land consisting of industrial, residential, farming and public uses.

Frankston City Council will receive a \$100,000 grant to deliver an Implementation and Delivery Plan for the Frankston Metropolitan Activity Centre.

The *Streamlining for Growth* Program is managed by the Victorian Planning Authority and aims to provide support and capacity building for councils in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

For more information go to vpa.vic.gov.au/streamlining-for-growth-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

"We're creating jobs and driving Victoria's economic recovery by helping councils get projects approved and underway faster."

"The funding will enable councils across the state to cut red tape and streamline planning processes – which will be vital as we continue to recover from the pandemic."