

# Media Release

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## MELBOURNE CYCLISTS TO BENEFIT FROM BAY TRAIL EXTENSION

The Bay Trail in Melbourne's west will soon be connected between Point Cook Coastal Park and Sanctuary Lakes – giving cyclists and pedestrians a new and safe way to access the park's facilities and views of the city, Port Phillip and Cheetham Wetlands.

Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio announced the project today, which will allow people to walk, run or ride to the popular shared-use path, extending the Bay Trail from Point Cook Coastal Park through to Point Gellibrand at Williamstown.

Consultants GHD will work with Parks Victoria on the most feasible option and design concepts for the trail. Environmental assessments will take place before any works begin to ensure the Cheetham Wetlands are protected.

Parks Victoria expects to start works on the trail extension – funded under the \$21 million *Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program* – in 2022.

The Urban Parks Active Wellbeing program is delivering upgrades to 21 parks so more Melburnians can spend time outdoors and enjoy the benefits of being in nature.

Upgrades include new picnic shelters and tables, refurbished or upgraded toilets, upgraded electric BBQs, playground equipment replacement, wider and more accessible pathways and trail and carpark repairs.

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

*"The Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program is more important than ever – creating improved open spaces so people can spend time in nature."*

*"It's exciting that cyclists and pedestrians will soon be able to continue their journey along the Bay Trail, enjoying the facilities and views from Point Cook Coastal Park."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Altona Jill Hennessy**

*"We're thrilled to see the plans to extend the Bay Trail come alive through this program so more people can enjoy the land and seascapes Point Cook has to offer."*