## **Media Release**

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## REGISTRATION OF INTEREST OPEN FOR FITZROY GASWORKS SITE

Residents living in and around Fitzroy are a step closer to enjoying a vibrant new neighbourhood, with a registration of interest process now underway for the former Fitzroy Gasworks site development.

The Andrews Labor Government is turning the former Fitzroy Gasworks site at Fitzroy North into a new precinct, with more than 1,000 apartments, a sports centre, a community facility, underground car parking, options for bicycle parking and open space. It also includes a new 650-student senior secondary campus for Collingwood College and Fitzroy High School, which has already been developed at the site and opened to students earlier this year.

The apartments will be built with a strong focus on energy and water conservation, as well as waste management and transport solutions. Around 200 will be Affordable Build to Rent, to provide high quality housing that will remain available as a rental for the long term. Active forms of transport will also be encouraged, with all apartments to include two bike parks, as well as carshare options.

Fitzroy North is a diverse community in close proximity to schools, public transport and services, making it a highly desirable suburb to call home. The former Fitzroy Gasworks site is an important part of the area's industrial and social heritage.

The Registration of Interest (ROI) process is now open to deliver approximately 800 of the apartments at the site, as well as a retail component and commercial tenancies. Those with experience are invited to put their hand up to take part.

Following submissions, an Expression of Interest process will then get underway, with a final developer to be selected by the end of the year.

The project's development plan – which outlines the planning controls, policies and principles that will guide the design and construction of the site – was released for community feedback last year and has since been submitted for approval.

More information about the ROI process can be found online at: <a href="http://fitzroygasworks.com.au/">http://fitzroygasworks.com.au/</a>

## Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"We're getting on with turning the Fitzroy Gasworks site into a vibrant new neighbourhood – with affordable housing options, a sports centre, more open space and a high school that's close to public transport – making it easier for locals to travel."

"It's great to see the project progressing – which will benefit the whole Fitzroy community, as well as create hundreds of local jobs."

## **Quote attributable to Member for Richmond Richard Wynne**

"The Fitzroy Gasworks project will deliver a residential and community precinct in the heart of Fitzroy and offering affordable housing options is an important part of the project."

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