

# Media Release

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**  
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## UPSKILLING BRIGHT SPARKS IN ELECTRICAL WORKFORCE

The Andrews Labor Government is upskilling Victoria's electrical workers, improving community safety and equipping the workforce to be part of the state's growing renewable and new energy sectors.

The Labor Government will invest \$7.2 million into Victoria's first Continuing Professional Development program for electrical workers across the state.

The support ensures more than 7,500 electrical workers will be able to complete the course before the end of next year.

The training will continue the industry's high standards of innovation and professionalism by upskilling electrical workers so they can deliver the highest standards of electrical work and keep our community safe.

Workers in the electrotechnology, renewable, and new energy sectors are required to undertake CPD every five years. The program includes the eight-hour Skills Maintenance course, with additional skills development courses available next year.

Skills Maintenance covers safe isolation, mandatory testing, industry changes, and the responsibilities of licensed workers – with training available at a range of metro and regional locations by carefully selected professional trainers.

Energy Safe Victoria has developed the program alongside Future Energy Skills with coursework approved by a committee including members from ESV, the Electrical Trades Union, the National Electrical and Communications Association and the Institute of Electrical Inspectors.

The announcement follows a successful CPD pilot run earlier this year involving 66 electricians across regional and metro areas.

Further information is available on the ESV website at [esv.vic.gov.au](https://esv.vic.gov.au).

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio**

*"We're supporting Victoria's electrical workers to upskill, protecting their own safety and the safety of the community."*

*"Thanks to this course, Victoria's electrical workers will continue to have the skills to help deliver our nation-leading renewable energy targets while continuing to keep the community safe."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Skills and Higher Education Gayle Tierney**

*"This is a great example of how our TAFE and training sector is providing opportunities for workers to retrain and upskill – while also preparing us for the workforce we need for our clean, green future."*

### **Quotes attributable to Energy Safe Victoria CEO Leanne Hughson**

*"While electrical apprenticeships are important, we need to make sure that electrical workers continue to learn and build their respective skillsets as their careers continue to progress."*

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