

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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NEW CABINET TO KEEP DOING WHAT MATTERS

The new Victorian Cabinet will support the re-elected Andrews Labor Government to deliver on the bold, positive plans we put to Victorians at this election.

This strong, united team will not waste a moment as we get on with bringing back the SEC, delivering Free Kinder for every child, 50 government owned childcare centres, and building the hospitals, schools, road and rail Victorians need – all while creating thousands of jobs.

The ministry will be sworn in today, and be supported in their work by a number of Machinery of Government changes, effective 1 January 2023.

Leading the Department of Transport and Planning, Deputy Premier Jacinta Allan will remain Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop and Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery – delivering signature state-shaping projects that create thousands of jobs and connect Victorians.

Sonya Kilkenny will become Minister for Planning, as well as keeping her responsibilities for fishing, boating and the other activities that boost local economies and keep families active as Minister for Outdoor Recreation.

Jaclyn Symes will remain Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, retaining her position as Attorney-General, and Minister for Emergency Services.

Lizzie Blandthorn will be Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, taking on the portfolios of Disability, Ageing and Carers and Child Protection and Family Services and leading the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

Tim Pallas will remain as Treasurer, continuing our four-step fiscal plan to deliver jobs, growth and a surplus. He will also retain his responsibilities as Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Trade, which will also now include the Investment portfolio.

Danny Pearson will remain Assistant Treasurer, as well as leading a new Department of Government Services as Minister for Government Services. He will become Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC, overseeing key government insurance schemes to support Victorians when they need it most. He will also add Minister for Consumer Affairs to his responsibilities.

Lily D'Ambrosio will drive the Labor Government's work to deliver cheaper, cleaner power with government-owned energy as Minister for the State Electricity Commission – as well as Minister for Climate Action and Minister for Energy and Resources.

She will lead this transition from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action – with Resources and Agriculture to move into this Department to support the Labor Government to meet and beat our ambitious climate targets.

Ingrid Stitt will become Minister for Environment, as well as continuing her work to deliver the nation-leading Best Start, Best Life reforms – with universal Free Kinder and Pre-Prep, and 50 government-owned childcare centres where they're needed most – as Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep.

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Also continuing her outstanding work to support Victoria's recovery from the pandemic and deliver the best healthcare for every Victorian in every corner of our state, Mary-Anne Thomas will continue as Minister for Health and lead minister for the Department of Health, and will take on the key Parliamentary role of Leader of the House.

She will add the portfolios of Health Infrastructure and Medical Research to her responsibilities as the Labor Government continues to build and upgrade health services across Victoria – and will cement Victoria's proud place as a global leader in cutting-edge health research. The Minister will also deliver our significant election commitments in women's health, ensuring it gets the funding and focus it deserves.

Gabrielle Williams will gain the Ambulance Services portfolio, as well as continuing to rebuild the state's mental health services from the ground up as Minister for Mental Health and delivering truth and justice to First Victorians as Minister for Treaty and First Peoples.

Colin Brooks will take on the Housing portfolio, overseeing our nation-leading Big Housing Build and working with the Commonwealth to deliver more social and affordable housing. He will also become Minister for Multicultural Affairs, working with our state's diverse communities to ensure they are celebrated and supported.

Leading the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, Ben Carroll will continue to serve as Minister for Industry and Innovation and add the portfolios of Manufacturing Sovereignty and Employment, as well as retaining the Public Transport portfolio.

Gayle Tierney will continue to deliver Free TAFE to support Victorians to get the skills they need as Minister for Training and Skills and Minister for Higher Education – which will move into the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions – and retain her role as Minister for Agriculture.

Melissa Horne will become Minister for Roads and Road Safety, as well as keeping the portfolios of Ports and Freight, Local Government and Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation.

Natalie Hutchins will retain the portfolios of Education and Women and continue leading the Department of Education and implementing our education agenda – including our centerpiece election commitment to transform specialist schools across the state.

Anthony Carbines will continue as Minister for Police, Crime Prevention and Racing, and Steve Dimopoulos will remain Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events and Minister for Creative Industries.

Enver Erdogan will enter the ministry with the portfolios of Corrections, Youth Justice and Victim Support. Natalie Suleyman will also enter Cabinet, becoming Minister for Youth, Small Business and Veterans – delivering the new Victorian Veterans' Card to honour and thank our veterans for their service.

Work to deliver on the Royal Commission into Family Violence's recommendations and build a safer Victoria for every woman, child and family will continue under Ros Spence's leadership. Minister Spence will also continue as Minister for Community Sport and add Suburban Development to her responsibilities, ensuring our growing suburbs have a strong advocate in government.

Harriet Shing will remain Minister for Water, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Equality, adding the Commonwealth Games Legacy portfolio as we deliver a Games that will not just create jobs and boost tourism, but leave infrastructure, housing and opportunities that will sustain communities for decades to come.

With counting in the Legislative Council ongoing, Minister Shing will not be sworn in until the Victorian Electoral Commission declares her election – with the Premier to have responsibility for her portfolios until that time.

Steve McGhie will continue to serve as Cabinet Secretary, a role he has held since July.

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Daniel Andrews	Premier [CM]
Jacinta Allan	Deputy Premier Minister for Transport and Infrastructure [CM] Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery
Jaclyn Symes	Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council Attorney-General [CM] Minister for Emergency Services
Tim Pallas	Treasurer [CM] Minister for Industrial Relations Minister for Trade and Investment
Lizzie Blandthorn	Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers [CM] Minister for Child Protection and Family Services
Colin Brooks	Minister for Housing Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Anthony Carbines	Minister for Police Minister for Crime Prevention Minister for Racing
Ben Carroll	Minister for Industry and Innovation [CM] Minister for Manufacturing Sovereignty Minister for Employment Minister for Public Transport
Lily D'Ambrosio	Minister for Climate Action [CM] Minister for Energy and Resources Minister for the State Electricity Commission
Steve Dimopoulos	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Minister for Creative Industries
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Melissa Horne	Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Minister for Local Government Minister for Ports and Freight Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Natalie Hutchins	Minister for Education [CM] Minister for Women
Sonya Kilkenny	Minister for Planning Minister for Outdoor Recreation
Danny Pearson	Minister for Government Services [CM] Assistant Treasurer Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC Minister for Consumer Affairs
Harriet Shing	Minister for Water Minister for Regional Development Minister for Commonwealth Games Legacy Minister for Equality

Ros Spence	Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Minister for Community Sport Minister for Suburban Development
Ingrid Stitt	Minister for Early Childhood & Pre-Prep Minister for Environment
Natalie Suleyman	Minister for Veterans Minister for Small Business Minister for Youth
Mary-Anne Thomas	Leader of the House Minister for Health [CM] Minister for Health Infrastructure Minister for Medical Research
Gayle Tierney	Minister for Training and Skills Minister for Higher Education Minister for Agriculture
Gabrielle Williams	Minister for Mental Health Minister for Ambulance Services Minister for Treaty and First Peoples
Steve McGhie	Cabinet Secretary

Parliamentary Secretaries

Nick Staikos	Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier
Josh Bull	Parliamentary Secretary for Level Crossing Removals Parliamentary Secretary for Transport
Darren Cheeseman	Parliamentary Secretary for the Commonwealth Games
Christine Couzens	Parliamentary Secretary for First Peoples
Paul Edbrooke	Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer
Bronwyn Halfpenny	Parliamentary Secretary for Jobs
Katie Hall	Parliamentary Secretary for Creative Industries Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood
Nathan Lambert	Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs
Tim Richardson	Parliamentary Secretary for Health Infrastructure Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
Michaela Settle	Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture
Nina Taylor	Parliamentary Secretary for Training and Skills
Kat Theophanous	Parliamentary Secretary for Women's Health
Vicki Ward	Parliamentary Secretary for Education
Sheena Watt	Parliamentary Secretary for Housing Parliamentary Secretary for Volunteers