

Media Release

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES VILLAGES ANOTHER STEP CLOSER

The Andrews Labor Government has opened the Expression of Interest (EOI) process to the construction sector for civil works to deliver the Commonwealth Games villages across regional Victoria.

The villages will be home to around 7,000 athletes and officials in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Morwell when the Commonwealth Games get underway in March 2026.

The EOI for these important civil works will create opportunities for regional contractors to be involved in construction, supporting hundreds of local jobs.

Each Games village has specific requirements and the civil works across the sites could include bulk earthworks, installation of new drains and sewers, the relocation of power, gas and water, roads construction, general demolition, remediation and clearing works.

Civil contractors will have the opportunity to lodge their interest in a single location or across multiple project locations.

Early works at each location are expected to begin later this year with village designs for each site under development.

Victoria 2026 will leave a legacy of high-quality housing and new and upgraded sports infrastructure to attract future major events.

It is estimated the Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to Victoria's economy, creating more than 7500 jobs before, during and after the Games.

Interested parties can register via the Buying for Victoria website buyingfor.vic.gov.au, from which a shortlist of contractors will be invited to participate in a Request for Proposal process.

The EOI closes at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 28 March.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery Jacinta Allan

"We're another step closer to seeing Victoria 2026 come to life and in a little over three years we'll be taking regional Victoria to the world stage."

"This is a unique opportunity for local businesses and contractors to partner with us in creating modern, accessible, and energy efficient villages to host the best athletes in Commonwealth."

Quote attributable to Minister for Commonwealth Games Legacy Harriet Shing

"This first stage of works will lay the foundations for world-class villages that deliver a lasting legacy of high-quality, modern and accessible housing and infrastructure across our regional communities."

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