

Media Release

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NEW GUIDE TO BENEFIT CRANE INDUSTRY

The Andrews Labor Government is making it easier for Victoria's mobile crane operators to access key information and processes, thanks to a new Australian first guide for the industry.

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne today released the new *Crane Industry Guide* which is online for the crane operation sector to use.

The guide has been designed for current and future mobile crane operators as a single, valuable reference point for industry and includes information on crane importation, registration, legislation, regulation and road network access.

It's been developed in collaboration with the Crane Industry Council of Australia, VicRoads, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Freight Victoria.

Mobile cranes are essential for shifting, lifting and placing long and large components such as steel and concrete beams in many projects across the state including bridge construction and level crossing removals.

The also play a key role in the construction and maintenance of wind farms.

The guide complements information and processes accessed through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to enable the importation and registration of a crane and associated certificates required.

It also builds on the Labor Government's reforms to make it easier for heavy vehicle operators to move around the state. In August last year, eight pre-approved maps, which give mobile crane operators information about where they can travel on the road network, were also published to improve safety and efficiency for the industry.

For more information and to access the *Crane Industry Guide* visit dtp.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"We're supporting our heavy vehicle industry and giving our mobile crane operators better access to key information and processes they require through the release of this Australian first Crane Industry Guide."

"The guide will provide a huge benefit to current and future mobile crane operators right across the state."