

Media Release

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VICTORIAN LANDMARKS LIGHT UP TO HIGHLIGHT ROAD TRAUMA

Iconic landmarks across Victoria will be illuminated yellow this week in memory and support of those who have been impacted by road trauma, to mark National Road Safety Week.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne today announced the Bolte Bridge and the CityLink Sound Tube will be illuminated tonight, with Flinders Street Station to also light up later in the week.

Across regional Victoria, the Mooroopna Water Tower, Monash Park Tree in Shepparton, Malop Street and Moorabool Street in central Geelong and the Archie Graham Building in Warrnambool will be illuminated throughout the week.

Tragically, 116 people have already lost their lives on the state's roads this year – 30 more than the same time last year. Of the fatalities, 70 have occurred on regional roads and 46 in metro areas.

This National Road Safety Week – Victorians are being urged to take care on the roads by planning ahead, driving to the conditions, avoiding distractions, and taking regular breaks.

Under the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030*, the Andrews Labor Government is working across education, infrastructure, policy and technology to improve safety for road users. The Strategy aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and sets the state on a path to zero road deaths by 2050.

The Labor Government is also working with the Australian Government and Transport Accident Commission to roll out vital safety upgrades as part of the \$457.57 million Road Safety Program. The upgrades are being delivered at almost 200 sites and routes on regional, urban and peri-urban roads.

These include intersection upgrades, pedestrian crossings, electronic speed limit signage, rumble strip line marking, safety barriers and shoulder sealing works.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

“Road safety is a shared responsibility, and we need all Victorians to play their part in keeping our roads safe.”

“This National Road Safety Week will see several iconic landmarks across Victoria illuminated yellow in memory of those who have tragically lost their lives on the state's roads and support those that have been impacted by road trauma.”