

# Media Release

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## LIFESAVING TECHNOLOGY INSTALLED IN LEONGATHA

The Allan Labor Government is improving driver awareness at a high-risk, high-speed Leongatha South intersection.

New Side Road Activated Speed (SRAS) technology has been installed at the intersection of the Bass Highway and Leongatha South - Outtrim Road thanks to a \$500,000 investment by the Labor Government.

The SRAS installation will temporarily reduce the speed limit from 100 km/h to 70 km/h on the Bass Highway whenever a vehicle approaches the highway on either Leongatha South–Outtrim Road or Rougheads Road.

The 70km/h speed limit is also triggered when vehicles on the Bass Highway are slowing and waiting to turn right into either Leongatha-South Outtrim Road or Rougheads Road.

This SRAS technology will provide drivers on the side roads more time to assess gaps in traffic and enter the highway safely, allowing more time to react if side road traffic fails to give way.

The reduced speed limit will remain activated until there are no more vehicles turning right or on the side roads waiting to enter or cross the Bass Highway.

Additional upgrades delivered at the intersection as part of the project include safety barrier installation, tree trimming, improved signage, and asphalt surfacing in a further boost to driver safety.

SRAS technology is being rolled out across a number of high-speed, high-risk intersections across regional Victoria and Gippsland region, including the nearby South Gippsland Highway and Fish Creek-Foster Road at Foster.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Roads Safety Melissa Horne**

*“We’ve listened to the community’s concerns about this intersection at Leongatha South, which is why we’ve delivered key safety upgrades that will benefit all road users, including the frequent movement of trucks and tourists.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh**

*“By installing Side Road Activated Speed technology and additional safety works, we are increasing safety for all vehicles using the Bass Highway at Leongatha South.”*

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