

Media Release

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GRANTS SET TO SPUR ON CLEANER AIR IN MELBOURNE'S WEST

The Allan Labor Government is helping businesses in Melbourne's inner west reduce air pollution – delivering grants of up to \$100,000.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos announced the second round of the \$2.84 million Air Quality Improvement Precincts grants is now open, which aims to reduce dust and smoke polluting the air.

Up to \$1 million in grants will be allocated to businesses located or operating in the city's inner west.

The establishment of Air Quality Improvement Precincts is part of the Labor Government's Clean Air for all Victorians – Victoria's Air Quality Strategy, Victoria's first overarching plan to address air pollution.

Clean Air for all Victorians was released in 2022 and sets out the Labor Government's approach to reducing air pollution. Over the next decade, the strategy will reduce air pollution and improve air quality, while also addressing the challenges of climate change and population growth.

The second round of the grants build on the Government's ambitious climate change agenda, as the state continues to transition towards renewable energy and zero emissions vehicles which will also contribute to improving air quality.

For more information on the grants, including the precinct boundary and how to apply, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/air-quality-improvement-precincts-grant-program.

A free online information session to learn more about eligibility for the Air Quality Improvement Precincts grants and applying will be held on Wednesday 11 October from 11am to 12pm. To register, please visit eventbrite.com.au/e/air-quality-improvement-precincts-program-round-2-tickets-718339612117.

Applications for the grants program close on Thursday, 9 November 2023.

Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"Clean air is essential for our health and wellbeing which is why we are delivering the Air Quality Improvement Precincts grants program to Melbourne's west."

Quote attributable to Minister for Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"Victoria has cut emissions by more than any other state since 2014 and we will continue to work towards net zero by 2045 and removing harmful fossil fuels from our environment."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"The second round of Air Quality Improvement Precincts grants will help to greatly reduce air pollution in Melbourne's inner west."