

# Media Release

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## STUNNING NEW ALTONA PIER SET FOR SUMMER OPENING

The Allan Labor Government's redevelopment of a stunning new pier in Altona is rapidly taking shape ahead of opening this summer, delivering lasting benefits for the community and improving connections to the water for locals and visitors.

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne visited the site today where construction on the 310-metre long structure is well advanced, with all piles in place from The Esplanade foreshore into Port Phillip Bay and decking installation underway.

The \$11.9 million redevelopment will deliver improved accessibility and safety features including lighting, handrails and an emergency vehicle turning bay.

The pier's precast concrete headstocks are almost all installed, with hardwood timber decking laid along much of the pier.

Works are also progressing to demolish and safely remove the old pier - suitable timber is being salvaged for reuse in the Altona Foreshore Redevelopment and other public projects.

Parks Victoria is continuing to work closely with stakeholders and the community to minimise impacts while work is underway.

Extensive community consultation revealed support for preserving the old pier's history - the use of salvaged timbers will be prioritised for projects within the precinct including a new pier entrance.

The Labor Government announced \$46 million in the *Victorian Budget 2023/24* so critical works can take place at other popular piers and jetties across the state including Warneet, St Leonards Pier, Workshops Pier and Dromana Pier.

It follows further investments for rebuilding and critical works to piers and jetties at Rye, Raymond Island, Lakes Entrance, McLoughlins Beach, Flinders, Mornington and Hampton.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne**

*"It's exciting to see the progress of Altona pier. And with summer just weeks away, this will be a fantastic attraction for the community, tourists and traders."*

### **Quote attributable to the Member for Point Cook Mat Hilakari**

*"The new pier will make Altona an even more attractive destination for visitors from across the state, nation and overseas, boosting the local economy and connecting the community to the water."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Western Metropolitan Region Ingrid Stitt**

*"We have some of the city's best attractions in Melbourne's west and this stunning new pier will be yet another reason for people to visit Altona this summer."*

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