

Media Release

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IMPROVING AIR QUALITY IN MELBOURNE'S WEST

The Allan Labor Government is working with councils and communities to improve air quality in Melbourne's west, with works set to get underway to seal roads in Altona, Brooklyn North and Yarraville.

The \$5 million investment to seal roads in the west and reduce dust pollution was part of the *2023-24 Victorian Budget*.

In Altona North, sections of Ross Road will be upgraded, and new on-road parking bays will be provided at Paisley Park soccer complex for safer access to community facilities. A new shared path will also be built linking Blenheim Road and Mills Street, along with fencing between the road and rail line.

In Yarraville, along Francis Street from Whitehall Street to Spotswood Pier will undergo sealing works to create a smoother, cleaner road for the growing local community.

The southern end of Old Geelong Road in Brooklyn North will also be sealed, including a new intersection to cater for the Brooklyn landfill facility.

The local road works follow on from recommendations made by *Air Pollution in Melbourne's Inner West – taking direct action to reduce our community exposure* report.

The Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group assembled representatives from the community and local councils to investigate and better understand local air pollution issues, concerns, and sources across Melbourne's inner west in the Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong local government areas.

Across Melbourne's west the Labor Government is investing \$20 billion in transformational projects, making it an even better place to live and work.

For more details, visit dtp.vic.gov.au/ports-and-freight/clean-air-for-the-inner-west.

Quote attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"We promised we'd make air cleaner in Melbourne's inner west and that's what we're doing – sealing roads to reduce dust pollution and providing better and safer facilities our communities deserve."

Quote attributable Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"We've listened to the community's concerns about air quality as result of congestion along Francis Street, now we're getting on with work to reduce pollution."

Quote attributable to Member for Laverton Sarah Connolly

"We're sealing the southern end of Old Geelong Road in Brooklyn North, ensuring local families don't have to put up with dust-filled air."