

Media Release

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WORKS TO BEGIN TO RESTORE AND REPURPOSE KEY SITES

The Allan Labor Government is moving forward with important works to unlock and restore contaminated and underutilised land to create new opportunities for regional communities in Ballarat and Bendigo.

At the former Ballarat Saleyards site, the search is underway for a contractor to carry out remediation and demolition works, following the completion of detailed site investigations.

These works will pave the way for future redevelopment, enabling a new jobs precinct and more homes to be built in Ballarat in the future.

Local contractors are encouraged to participate in the open tender process, set to launch in early April.

Detailed site investigations are also underway at the former mining site on Chum Street, Bendigo to inform future remediation and the healing of Country in partnership with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA).

Healing Country on the land will deliver long-term benefits for the Traditional Owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung people, and the wider Bendigo community.

The Ballarat and Bendigo communities will be kept informed ahead of any planned site activities.

Quote attributable to Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts Harriett Shing

"These sites are well located and ripe for transformation – they're another step towards creating new homes, precincts and community assets in Ballarat and Bendigo, and supporting local jobs and growth."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

"We are getting on with remediation and healing works at Chum Street to unlock potential for future development."

Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"The remediation of the former Ballarat Saleyards site is an exciting step toward unlocking its full potential and supporting Ballarat's future growth."