

# Media Release

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## MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER

The Allan Labor Government is making roads from Mildura through to Melbourne safer through upgrades to local road safety infrastructure.

This week is National Road Safety Week, with over 125 road safety projects having been approved for delivery across more than 30 local government areas.

All 79 local councils are participating in the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program which provides councils with up to \$2 million to deliver safety upgrades on their highest risk local roads, intersections, and precincts.

Works on a suite of road safety upgrades along Fischer Street in Torquay are expected to start later this year, enabling bike riders and pedestrians to travel more safely between the town centre and the northern Torquay education, sport and shopping precinct.

Raised pedestrian and cyclist crossings will be installed on each approach to the two roundabouts at Darian Road and Centreside Drive as well as at the east-west approach to the Merrijig Drive roundabout to help everyone cross the road safely in this busy tourist town.

Cycle lanes will also be built between Centreside Drive and Merrijig Drive to separate cars and cyclists.

Other key projects completed across the state include a new roundabout and raised pedestrian crossings in Clifton Springs, raised pedestrian crossings in Warrnambool, as well as new pedestrian crossings, speed calming infrastructure and improved intersections configurations between Clifton Hill and North Abbotsford.

Local government authorities manage 87 per cent of Victoria's roads and by building local governments' capacities to plan, fund and deliver road safety improvements on local roads.

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

*"We continue to invest at record levels in road safety infrastructure that saves lives, reduces injuries, and prevents crashes before they happen."*

### **Quote attributable to TAC Chief Executive Officer Tracey Slatter**

*"We are proud of the road safety improvements that this program is helping local councils deliver for the people in their communities – working together to prevent road trauma is what National Road Safety Week is all about."*

### **Quote attributable to Head Road Safety Victoria Marcelo Vidales**

*"We're working alongside every single Victorian council to deliver important road safety infrastructure on local roads."*