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TRIAL TO COMBAT GRAFFITI IN MELBOURNE'S NORTH

The Allan Labor Government is trialling new technology to curb graffiti on our roadsides, with new panels set to be retrofitted to noise barriers and retaining walls across Melbourne's north to reduce time spent on graffiti clean-up and removal.

Planning is still underway for the installation of these anti-graffiti panels, but they are set to be in areas that have experienced high levels of graffiti, including on retaining walls and abutments in Tarneit, Sunshine North, Truganina, Tottenham, Maribyrnong and noise walls along the M80 in Bundoora.

Fifty panels will be trialled in select locations identified based on their susceptibility to vandalism, ensuring that we target areas of high traffic.

These panels blend seamlessly into existing structures, and use recycled plastic waste to form what is known as a TagShield panel.

This innovative technology will repurpose diverted plastic waste from landfill, giving containers, bottles and other recyclables a second lease of life.

Each square metre panel features a complex network of shapes and channels that renders graffiti unreadable, made up of engineered polymer that increases paint run.

The trial is scheduled to run for around 12 months, with experts evaluating the overall effectiveness of deterring vandalism.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"This innovative technology will help reduce unsightly graffiti in our neighborhoods by deterring vandals after these panels are retrofitted to roadsides."

"We hope this trial will reduce cleanup and removal of tags and graffiti by reducing the attractiveness of traditional surfaces."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bundoora Colin Brooks

"We hope this trial will reduce graffiti in our community as the panels blend seamlessly into the surrounds, as well as diverting plastics from landfill."