



# The Hon Catherine King MP Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## CONTRACT SIGNED FOR SAFER AND FASTER JOURNEYS IN MELBOURNE'S SOUTH EAST

The Albanese and Allan Labor Governments are one step closer to delivering safer and faster journeys for people living in Clyde North, Cranbourne North and Berwick.

The contract award to upgrade the Thompsons Road and Berwick-Cranbourne Road Intersection in Melbourne's south east has been announced.

Victorian family owned and operated Whelans Group Investments was the successful bidder for the project that will cut congestion and improve traffic flow for the 47,000 motorists that use the busy intersection every day.

The upgrade will remove the current roundabout and replace the intersection with traffic lights, and enhance bus infrastructure—improving driving conditions and motorist safety.

Walking and cycling paths will also be built along the intersection upgrade, offering safer travel options for all road users.

Over the coming months, crews will undertake site investigations, utility relocation and site establishment works, paving the way for major construction to begin later in the year and to be completed in mid-2027.

The upgrade will benefit local jobs, creating 120 direct jobs and 297 indirect jobs during these works.

The project is in addition to already completed projects in Melbourne's south east, including upgrades to Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road, Pound Road West and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road and Hall Road—which have all helped to cut congestion for motorists and busy families.

Quotes attributable to Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"This busy roundabout will be transformed with traffic lights, bus bays and footpaths which will have a significant flow on effect for everyone using the intersection."

Quotes attributable to Acting Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure Sonya Kilkenny:

"As Melbourne's south east continues to grow, we are continuing to make critical investments on our road and rail networks to cut congestion and slash travel times for families."

#### **Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Bruce Julian Hill:**

"Victoria was totally screwed for a decade by the Liberals on infrastructure funding. The Federal Labor Government is treating Victorians fairly by investing in infrastructure projects that are priorities for local communities."

#### **Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Holt Cassandra Fernando:**

"As someone who lives in this community, I know just how frustrating this intersection can be. This upgrade will make a real difference for local families with safer, faster, and more reliable journeys through Clyde North."

#### **Quotes attributable to State Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards:**

"Clyde, Cranbourne and Narre Warren South are great destinations for young families to live in and this upgrade will ensure they're able to get on with their lives instead of waiting in traffic."

#### **Quotes attributable to State Member for Narre Warren South Gary Maas:**

"Works are set to begin to remove this intersection which will improve traffic flow and cut congestion."

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