

Media Release

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SUPPORTING VICTORIANS TO BE SAFE AND INCLUSIVE

The Allan Labor Government is investing in a new all-ability initiative that is set to make farms safer and more inclusive – ensuring people of all abilities can fully participate in farm life with confidence and safety.

Acting Minister for Agriculture Gayle Tierney today announced \$25,000 in funding for Ability Agriculture, an organisation which represents people living with a disability and promotes safety initiatives across the agricultural sector.

Ability Agriculture will create an online hub featuring resources and videos highlighting all-abilities modifications farm owners have made to support workers, family members and others.

The hub will feature videos with workers sharing their experiences, along with tips from occupational therapists on how to adapt farms and equipment to support all abilities. It will be available on the Ability Agriculture website, which was launched last year.

The Labor Government has also delivered \$44,000 to Monash University's Victorian Injury Surveillance Unit to better understand the context in which hospital-treated farm injuries occur in Victoria to inform future interventions.

This is in addition to the \$42,000 funding delivered to the University of Melbourne towards a project that identifies effective ways to support culturally and linguistically diverse people to work safely in agriculture.

This announcement comes during National Farm Safety Week, between 20-26 July, with the Labor Government encouraging rural communities to keep safety and wellbeing front of mind.

To find more information on services, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/drought-support/mental-health-and-wellbeing-support

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Agriculture Gayle Tierney

"We are making Victorian farms safer for people of all abilities – ensuring anyone, no matter their ability, can contribute to our agricultural sector with confidence."

"National Farmer Safety Week gives us the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of safety and wellbeing in our farming and agriculture sector."