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Minister for Roads and Road Safety

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **INTERSECTION UPGRADE TO MAKE NEWCOMB SAFER**

Construction on a major upgrade at one of Geelong's busiest intersections is underway, making it easier and safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to get where they need to go.

Upgrades to the Geelong-Portarlington Road and Wilsons Road intersection in Newcomb will deliver new traffic signals, dedicated turning lanes and a pedestrian footpath connecting to the bus stop.

The \$6.5 million project is jointly funded by the Albanese and Allan Labor Governments, with each contributing \$3.25 million.

Geelong-Portarlington Road is a four-lane, dual carriageway connecting Geelong with the popular coastal township of Portarlington on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The intersection is in a busy residential area and experiences significant seasonal holiday traffic.

Construction will take around six months, with crews onsite Monday to Friday. Lane closures and a 40 kilometre per hour speed limit will be in place to keep workers and road users safe.

This is part of our work to roll out road safety upgrades right across Victoria, because every Victorian deserves to get home safely.

#### **Quote attributable to Federal Member for Corio Richard Marles:**

"It's great to see construction underway on this project, ensuring this busy intersection can better support current and future traffic demands while improving safety."

#### **Quote attributable to Federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King:**

"The Bellarine Peninsula can get very busy, so I'm sure this investment in making Newcomb safer will be welcomed by both locals and visitors passing through."

#### **Quote attributable to Victorian Minister Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne:**

“These new signals will increase safety for pedestrians crossing Geelong-Portarlington Road as well as improve access for those using the bus stop.”

**Quote attributable to Victorian Member for Geelong Chris Couzens:**

“Whether you’re heading to work or school, this intersection will soon be easier to navigate and is part of our broader commitment to deliver vital safety upgrades across Victoria.”

**Quote attributable to Victorian Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant:**

“This is about making journeys safer for locals and visitors, with dedicated turning lanes, new traffic signals, and better pedestrian access – we’re delivering infrastructure that puts safety first and supports a growing community.”

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