

Media Release

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LABOR HELPS REBUILD LIVES FOR VICTORIANS SLEEPING ROUGH

Labor is getting Victorians sleeping rough off the streets and back on their feet.

Ten new homeless outreach services will be delivered across Brimbank, Shepparton, Hume, Whitehorse, Latrobe, Darebin, Bairnsdale, Maribyrnong, Wodonga and the Mornington Peninsula.

It's part of the Allan Labor Government's \$27.8 million investment to deliver homelessness services in every region of Victoria.

Support workers will lend a hand to rough sleepers in these areas, helping them secure stable housing and get their lives back on track.

The investment includes additional emergency accommodation for those who need it most, as well as health and social care – services that would often be out of reach for people sleeping rough.

This is in addition to the Labor Government's \$300 million funding for specialist homelessness services.

The assertive outreach services will launch later this year, with the expansion bringing the total number of services to 18.

Services in the Mornington Peninsula will be in addition to the existing homelessness entry point that operates in the area.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Nick Staikos

"Labor is giving rough sleepers their dignity back alongside the support they need to help turn their lives around."

"We know that these rough sleepers are doing it tough, and Labor is doing everything we can to help these vulnerable people rebuild their lives."

"Under a Liberal-One Nation Coalition, there will be no plans for social housing only the promise of cutting \$40 billion dollars from those who are already struggling."