

Media Release

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CONSULTATION BEGINS FOR MELBOURNE'S NEXT EMPLOYMENT CLUSTER

The Andrews Labor Government is backing jobs growth and new investment opportunities in Melbourne's east through a new employment cluster in the Monash area.

The Metropolitan Planning Authority is working on plans to drive growth around Monash University and the business and industrial areas of Huntingdale, Clayton, Mulgrave, Notting Hill and Springvale.

Consultation is underway ahead of changes to planning rules across commercial and industrial land, encouraging development to increase jobs and services.

The new plans will encourage more cafes, hotels, services and entertainment to be built in the east, as well as improved parks, cycle ways and pedestrian links.

The broader Monash area has capacity to draw more investment through smart planning, improved amenities and better transport connections.

The MPA is working with the cities of Monash, Kingston and Greater Dandenong, who are consulting with local businesses to develop ideas.

More information about the Monash Employment Cluster Framework Plan will be released in the coming months, and the MPA will also hold public information and research sessions.

Written submissions and online surveys are also welcome and more information is at shapevictoria.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Planning Minister, Richard Wynne

"We are changing the planning rules for the broader Monash area with input from the community so there is a long-term plan for jobs growth in place."

"Well-planned employment clusters give people living in the middle and outer suburbs good access to jobs close to where they live and also increases local services."

Quotes attributable to the Member for Oakleigh, Steve Dimopoulos

"This is an exciting time for Melbourne's south-east as we create the right environment for new businesses to be based in our suburbs, creating more employment options."

"Creating jobs outside the CBD reduces congestion and public transport pressure and also reduces the time people need to travel to and from work."