# **Media Release**

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# MELBOURNE NOD FOR NISSAN HQ AND ELECTRIC CAR CENTRE

Nissan Australia today announced that with support from the Andrews Labor Government, Mulgrave will be the new home for its national headquarters and an electric vehicle technical training centre, securing more than 450 local jobs.

The investment decision demonstrates industry confidence in Melbourne's economy and workforce, as well as Nissan's long-term commitment to automotive parts manufacturing in Victoria.

A key element of the project will be the national technical training centre, which will be used to train dealers, engineers and technicians from Nissan sites around Australia and New Zealand.

The centre will focus on Nissan's new and emerging electric vehicle range. With electric vehicle parts already being manufactured in Victoria at sister company Nissan Casting Australia, the training centre will extend Nissan Australia's capabilities in electric vehicle component manufacture and maintenance.

Nissan Australia announced in 2017 that it would undertake a national search for a new location to base its Australian headquarters.

Support from the Labor Government helped to secure the head office as well as the technical training centre for the state, retaining more than 400 jobs attached to its current Dandenong South base and creating 60 new roles.

Nissan's national head office and training centre will be located at a purpose-built facility in Mulgrave, in Melbourne's south-east, and is set to open in late-2020.

# Quotes attributable to Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade Martin Pakula

"This move shows that Victoria has the skilled workers that global companies need and leads the nation in advanced manufacturing, automotive design and engineering capability."

"Nissan's decision to maintain a national training facility incorporating the latest electric vehicle technology is a big win for Victoria, giving our state a key competitive advantage on the global stage."

### **Quote attributable to Premier and Member for Mulgrave Daniel Andrews**

"This is another vote of confidence for doing business in Victoria and even better news for Mulgrave and Dandenong South which has a long and proud history of being a home for manufacturing."

## **Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams**

"This is a perfect example of how the Andrews Labor Government is collaborating with industry to deliver local jobs and drive investment in our manufacturing industry right here at home."

#### Quote attributable to Nissan Australia managing director Stephen Lester

"A national base for many automotive manufacturers, Victoria has a strong automotive fabric and a talented workforce that is perfectly suited to the demands of the industry."

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