

Media Release

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BOOSTING SAFETY ON BALLARAT ROAD

The Andrews Labor Government is taking immediate action to boost safety on Ballarat Road in Albion and Ardeer.

Minister for Roads, Road Safety and the TAC Jaala Pulford today announced a package of immediate work the Labor Government will undertake to make Ballarat Road safer between Deer Park and Sunshine.

The works include a new, safer 70km/h speed limit between McIntyre Road and Glencairn Avenue to reduce the risk and severity of crashes.

New line marking will also be installed at high-risk locations along Ballarat Road between Adelaide Street and Holt Street to encourage drivers to reduce their speeds around bus stops and areas with more pedestrians.

The improvements will boost safety at the Albion and Ardeer sections of Ballarat Road following a fatal crash with a pedestrian earlier this year.

The road safety upgrades are part of the \$1.4 billion *Towards Zero Action Plan* and is being delivered in partnership between the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and VicRoads.

The *Towards Zero Action Plan* aims to reduce the number of lives lost on our roads and decrease serious injuries by 15 per cent by 2020.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads, Road Safety and the TAC Jaala Pulford

"We heard loud and clear that something needed to be done to make Ballarat Road safer and that's exactly what we're doing."

"These improvements will make Ballarat Road safer for everybody, especially pedestrians and people using local bus stops."

Quotes attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

"I would like to thank the community for working to increase safety along Ballarat Road."

"I welcome the initial safety improvements and will continue to work to implement increased safety measures on our local roads."