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LABOR'S ROAD BLITZ DELIVERING FOR MELBOURNE'S SOUTH EAST

The Albanese Labor Government is building Victoria's future, announcing the biggest projects in a \$1.2 billion Road Blitz to upgrade roads, cut congestion and improve safety, including in Melbourne's growing suburbs.

Melbourne's outer south-east is one of the fastest-growing regions in the country. These shovel-ready projects will ensure commuters spend less time stuck in traffic and more time at home with their families.

In partnership with the Allan Labor Government, five critical projects will receive more than \$500 million to fix some of Melbourne's most dangerous and congested roads. This includes a major \$100 million investment to upgrade the Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Clyde-Five Ways Road, and Pattersons Road intersection in Clyde North.

Since 2019, five crashes have occurred at this intersection, highlighting the urgent need for action. Our investment will remove the roundabout and install traffic signals, making it safer for motorists and pedestrians while also cutting down travel times.

This project builds on our existing \$41.75 million investment to upgrade the Berwick-Cranbourne Road and Thompsons Road roundabout and the existing project to widen the bridge over the Princes Freeway between Enterprise Avenue and Bemersyde Drive—ensuring a smoother, safer commute for residents of Cranbourne East, Clyde, and Clyde North.

We are also investing \$22.5 million in projects along the Princes Highway, including upgrades to the Brunt Road intersection, road resurfacing on the Princes Highway and Harmer Road, and planning for future upgrades at the McMullen Road intersection.

These essential upgrades will ease congestion, improve safety, and create smoother journeys for thousands of residents in Casey and beyond.

The \$1.2 billion Road Blitz is jointly funded by the Albanese and Allan Labor Governments, with the Australian Government contributing \$1 billion and the Victorian Government providing \$200 million. This funding builds on the Victorian Government's ongoing near billion-dollar investment in road maintenance and upgrades across the state.

Peter Dutton's Liberals have proven time and time again that they're not willing to invest in the critical infrastructure Victorian communities need and give our state its fair share.

Only a Labor Government will deliver the vital infrastructure our community needs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"We're giving Victorians the infrastructure they deserve after being short-changed by the former Coalition government.

"We're fixing roads right across the state; we've doubled our road maintenance funding to local councils,

reinstated road maintenance indexation that was scrapped under the former government, and are investing heavily in our regions and cities.

"Whether it's building a rail link to Melbourne Airport or duplicating the Princes Highway East between Traralgon and Sale, we're creating safer, smoother journeys right across the state."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams

"As Melbourne's population continues to grow, we are investing in critical projects that will create better journeys for motorists."

"We are getting on delivering vital road upgrades across wider Melbourne that will provide safer and faster journeys for motorists."

"After ten years of neglect from the Federal Liberal Government, it's great to have a partner in Canberra that can find Victoria on a map and help deliver critical projects that people rely on every day."

Quote attributable to Member for Holt Cassandra Fernando:

"As someone who lives and works in our community, I know firsthand how frustrating congestion can be on these roads. I drive on them every day, just like thousands of locals. These upgrades will mean safer roads, less time in traffic, and more time with family and friends.

"For nearly a decade, the Liberals ignored the infrastructure needs of our growing community. As your MP and a lifelong local, I know that only a Labor government will make the crucial investments needed to keep Holt moving.

"I'm proud to be part of a government that is delivering real infrastructure solutions to improve our daily lives in the growing suburbs of the City of Casey."

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