

Media Release

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HELPING PROTECT VICTORIA'S BIODIVERSITY

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting dozens of regional projects that will help protect Victoria's rich biodiversity.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today announced \$4.7 million for 67 new targeted, projects that will help regional agencies and government partners work together to improve biodiversity.

The projects are funded through the Labor Government's *Regional Landscapes and Targeted Action* initiative and include restoration works, environmental ecological burning by Traditional Owners, targeted threatened species recovery, and coordinated pest, animal and weed control.

These grants are part of the \$86.3 million investment to implement *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037* over four years.

Since the release of *Biodiversity 2037*, the Labor Government has announced a range of initiatives that support on-ground action – along with the *Biodiversity 2037 Implementation Framework* – which contains 89 actions that will make biodiversity protection in Victoria more efficient and effective.

These 89 actions will support the significant investment in on-ground action from the Labor Government, in collaboration with community, Traditional Owners, environmental organisations, agencies, business and industry.

For more information go to environment.vic.gov.au/biodiversity/biodiversity-on-ground-action.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"These grants go a long way to improving biodiversity and helping us deliver our ambitious environmental agenda – to ensure Victoria's environment is healthy, valued and protected for years to come."

"Without a collaborative approach to biodiversity management, we wouldn't have the skills and knowledge needed to undertake this important work."