Media Release

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DELIVERING FOR ALL VICTORIANS

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VICTORIA, IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT IDEAS

Victorians everywhere have more time to put forward their great local ideas for funding, with the deadline for the Andrews Labor Government's *Pick My Project* initiative extended to 8 July.

The Victorian first, $30 million initiative gives every Victorian over the age of 16 the opportunity to come up with a project idea that will make their community a better place, as well as the money to deliver it.

Through the program, communities across Victoria will have access to the project funds, with a minimum of $1 million guaranteed per partnership area.

With just a few simple criteria, great community ideas could receive funding of $20,000 to $200,000 to get off the ground.

Applicants submit an idea that helps build a stronger community – with the backing of a local organisation, community group, school, local council, or other eligible group – and the project could come to life within a year.

The simple application process takes less than half-an-hour and can be completed online at pickmyproject.vic.gov.au.

When all applications are in and assessed, they'll be published online in August and that's when applicants can start encouraging friends and neighbours to vote for their project and other favourites.

For more information go to pickmyproject.vic.gov.au, call 1800 797 818 or visit facebook.com/pickmyproject.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Suburban Development Lily D'Ambrosio

"There is a lot of buzz about Pick My Project, so we're giving local communities more time to submit their ideas."

"We've had almost 500 people attend our information sessions and 500 calls to our hotline – and communities have asked us for more time."

"Whether you live in the country or the city, funding for projects is available for your area."

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