

Media Release

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MAJOR FUNDING BOOST TO PROTECT VICTORIA'S BIODIVERSITY

The Andrews Labor Government will deliver almost \$35 million in grants for targeted, grassroots biodiversity action as part of the biggest funding boost in Victoria's history.

Minister for Environment Lily D'Ambrosio unveiled funding for 89 new biodiversity and marine environment projects today to mark the start of Biodiversity Month.

Eighty-five of the projects are focused on biodiversity on-ground action, while \$1.1 million has been allocated to four new marine environment projects.

This will improve the environment across hundreds of thousands of hectares, right across Victoria.

The Labor Government is supporting a broad range of rehabilitation efforts by community and volunteer groups and agencies to improve the resilience of the state's native plants and wildlife.

The projects have been developed collaboratively with Traditional Owners, non-government organisations and passionate community members, and respond to the priorities determined by stakeholder-led working groups.

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

To view the full list of successful projects, visit: environment.vic.gov.au

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

"These projects will help protect and nurture Victoria's unique biodiversity at a grassroots level."

"We're investing more than ever before to protect Victoria's native plants and wildlife."