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GREENING THE PIPELINE AND GROWING COMMUNITIES

The Andrews Labor Government is building a thriving network of parklands in Melbourne's west, with works on the first major section of the Greening the Pipeline project now underway.

The \$9 million project runs from Truganina to Laverton and includes a 22-megalitre stormwater harvesting and irrigation system, that will keep the park green all year round.

The project will transform the decommissioned heritage-listed sewer pipeline that extends for 27-kilometres along Federation Trail into parks, better connecting communities and creating a string of open spaces from Werribee to the city.

Greening the Pipeline is part of the Labor Government's \$174 million investment to deliver the Suburban Parks Program, reinforcing Melbourne's status as the parks capital of Australia.

The project is being delivered in partnership with Wyndham City Council and the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation to ensure Traditional Owner interests and values are embedded into park design and creation.

The first section of new parkland between Skeleton Creek and Lawrie Emmins Reserve is due to open mid-year.

Quote attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Water Harriet Shing

"Stormwater harvesting projects like this create a more natural water cycle, they help save our drinking water supplies while maximising liveability and resilience in urban areas."

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

"The new linear parkland will improve access to open space in Melbourne's west, helping the community connect with nature."

Quote attributable to Member for Tarneit Sarah Connolly

"It's great to see how this underutilised space will be transformed into a thriving stretch of parklands, providing beautiful opens spaces for future generations to enjoy."