

Media Release

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NEW AIR QUALITY STRATEGY A BLUEPRINT FOR BETTER AIR

The Andrews Labor Government is taking action to improve air quality across the state through the release of a strategy to prevent pollution.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio today released the *Clean air for all Victorians Strategy*, Victoria's first overarching plan to address air pollution, which sets out clear, sustainable and cost-effective approaches to target air pollution and improve air quality over the next decade.

The strategy identifies practical ways that Victorian households, industry, business and transport can reduce pollution. The strategy also raises awareness about the impact of air pollution on human health and the environment by encouraging Victorians to act through community education programs.

By world standards, air quality in Victoria is generally good. However, some communities experience worse air quality than others.

In response to this and as part of the *Victorian Budget 2022-23*, \$2.8 million has been invested to establish two air quality improvement precincts in the Inner West and Outer West of Melbourne. These precincts will reduce air pollution and address emerging environmental challenges, in partnership with the community and business.

The strategy builds on Victoria's leading actions on climate change, which are delivering co-benefits for air quality. Transitioning to renewable energy sources and zero emission vehicles will reduce key air pollutants as well as helping to achieve our 2030 renewable energy and climate change targets.

It also builds on the Government's actions to modernise and strengthen Victoria's environment protection framework, reduce greenhouse emissions, improve the public transport network and reform the planning framework to continue to improve Victoria's air quality.

To view the strategy, visit: environment.vic.gov.au/sustainability/clean-air-for-all-victorians.

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

"Through our air quality strategy we're ensuring Victorians can enjoy clean air now and into the future, as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change, population growth and increasing growth of our cities."

Quote attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"Clean air for all Victorians is a landmark strategy paving the way to not only tackle industrial pollution in Melbourne, but also significantly contribute to tackling climate change."

Quote attributable to Member for Tarneit Sarah Connolly

"Victorians understand the need for cleaner air and this strategy reinforces the action we're already taking to make this happen, such as establishing green canopies and creating cooler spaces."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

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“We’re making Victoria the place to be for generations to come, and that includes taking practical steps to improve our air quality, so we can all enjoy fresh air now and into the future.”