

Media Release

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MAJOR PROJECTS TO SUPPORT SKILLS AND CREATE LOCAL JOBS

At least 10 per cent of the work carried out on Victoria's major projects will be undertaken by apprentices, trainees or engineering cadets.

Minister for Public Transport and Employment, Jacinta Allan, today announced the Major Projects Skills Guarantee, which mandates minimum apprenticeship requirements for all publically funded major projects.

The Major Projects Skills Guarantee will ensure Victorian workers benefit from the multi-billion dollar pipeline of major projects the Andrews Labor Government is delivering, giving young job-seekers and workers looking to re-skill, the experience and opportunities they need to kick-start their careers.

The Guarantee, which fulfils yet another Labor Government election commitment, will apply to all government construction, infrastructure, civil engineering and capital projects valued at more than \$20 million.

Construction companies bidding for projects under \$20 million will also be encouraged to maximise their use of local apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets.

For more information about the Major Projects Skills Guarantee, visit the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources website (www.ecodev.vic.gov.au)

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Public Transport and Employment, Jacinta Allan

"The Major Projects Skills Guarantee will give young workers and those looking to re-skill, the experience and opportunities they need, while we deliver the infrastructure Victoria needs."

"The Andrews Labor Government is investing billions in major projects and boosting local requirements to ensure Victoria's major projects are built by Victorians."

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Industry, Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're making sure our major projects create local jobs, build local skills and boost Victoria's economy."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills, Steve Herbert

"This initiative will help guarantee young Victorians can get a start on our major projects, so the next generation can get the skills they need for the jobs they want."