



## Clean air for the Inner West

**We're delivering on our commitment to improve air quality in the inner west through a \$20 million package to modernise the truck fleet travelling through the area and seal local roads causing dust pollution.**

### Grants program

A new \$15 million grants program will target truck operators who regularly travel through the inner west and provide them with a grant to remove their older, dirtier trucks off the road and encourage the transition to newer, more emission efficient trucks.

We will continue to collaborate with industry to customise the program and make sure it is meeting the objective to improve air quality.

We are also offering \$5 million in grants to local Councils to seal local roads under council management and carrying traffic in or adjacent to industrial areas, reducing airborne dust pollution.

The Department of Transport and Planning continues to work with Hobsons Bay, Brimbank and Maribyrnong City Councils on establishing a list of potential local roads that most strongly meet the program's criteria.

### Our commitment

This commitment progresses two priority recommendations from the report prepared by the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group – *Air Pollution in Melbourne's Inner West – taking direct action to reduce our community's exposure.*

The Victorian Government understands improving air quality in the inner west requires a coordinated and multi-faceted approach and has implemented initiatives such as:

- \$5 million allocated in 2021 to plant 500,000 new trees in Melbourne's west
- \$2.84 million to establish Air Quality Improvement Precincts in the inner and outer west of Melbourne to reduce localised air pollution in collaboration with the community and businesses

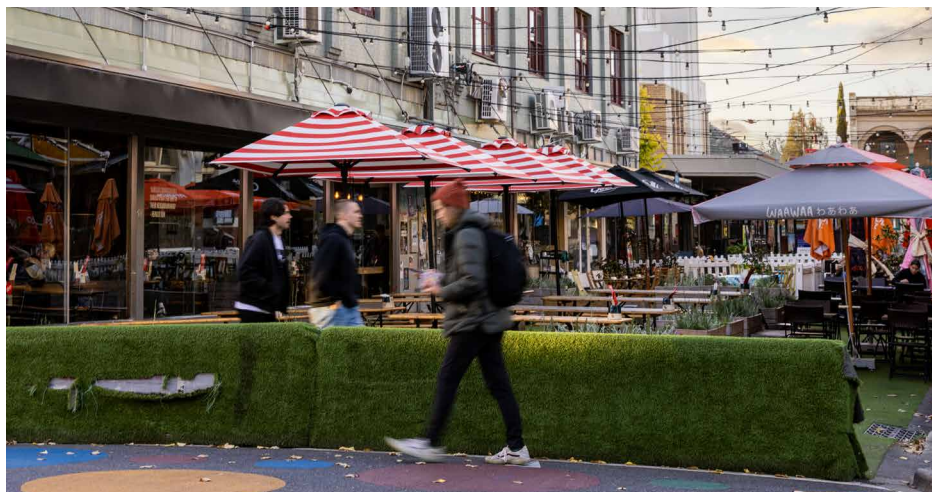
- Expanded monitoring to progress the enhanced enforcement and compliance strategy for routes subject to the truck bans when the West Gate Tunnel opens
- \$58 million Port Rail Shuttle Network and \$125 million Port Rail Transformation Project to support moving more goods by rail
- Inner Melbourne Air Monitoring Project consisting of the urban roadside monitoring station, complementing EPA's existing air monitoring network and programs
- Six air quality monitoring stations established as part of the West Gate Tunnel Project and a range of collaborations with local community members to build an understanding of air pollution impacts.



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We will consider measures to speed up emissions reduction in the freight sector, promote zero emission vehicle uptake, and encourage mode shift in our transport network, all key for decarbonisation.

The Victorian Government is investing some \$20 billion in transformational projects in Melbourne's west, to create a better place to live, work and raise our families.



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Modernising the truck fleet program