

MEDIA RELEASE

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\$5 MILLION TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF MOONEE PONDS CREEK

Victorian businesses will benefit from the creation of jobs and opportunities after a major funding boost for water infrastructure projects and environmental works across the state.

Member for Essendon Danny Pearson today announced \$5 million to help transform a section of Moonee Ponds Creek, improve the waterway biodiversity and water quality.

The project area includes the first section of concrete channel from Brosnan Crescent adjacent to Strathmore North Primary School and will deliver a range of benefits including increased pedestrian access points, connectivity and recreational facilities, as well as increased community use of a linear park along the creek.

This project will help deliver on-ground action for improving urban waterway health within the Waterways of West area.

The project will be delivered in partnership with Moreland City Council, Moonee Valley City Council, Melbourne Water, Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek and is will be supported by the Moonee Ponds Catchment Collaboration.

The funding is part of a \$48.4 million investment in shovel-ready water projects under the Government's new \$2.7 billion Building Works program – to getting thousands of people back to work across our state as Victoria continues to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

The \$48.4 million in water projects will modernise irrigation, secure water supplies through recycling and stormwater use, assist with bushfire recovery and benefit the environment.

This includes \$10.7 million to also be invested in integrated water management projects helping communities secure water supplies in the face of changing climate and population growth by better using storm and recycled water.

Quotes attributable to Member for Essendon Danny Pearson

"This funding will improve the amenity and connectivity to the community, as well as increasing the waterway health and biodiversity of the area."

"Improving our local facilities is vital for our growing community, ensuring we have the right facilities for our community to enjoy."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Lisa Neville

"We're creating jobs across Victoria with funding for projects in metropolitan Melbourne and in regional Victoria."

"By investing in water infrastructure, we are investing in a bright and healthy future for Victorian communities – with increased water security and a healthy environment."