

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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VICTORIA TO LEAD THE NATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Victoria will once again lead the nation on climate change by legislating ambitious targets and introducing a pledge system to bring government, business and the community together to achieve the collective goal.

Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today announced a series of five year interim targets with the goal of achieving the overall target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The targets are recommendations of the *2015 Independent Review of the Climate Change Act 2010*. In response to the review, the Labor Government will enshrine the net zero emissions reduction target in legislation while also making climate change a consideration across government decision making, policies and programs.

The Andrews Labor Government is also introducing a wide-ranging emissions reduction pledge program for the private, government and community sectors.

The pledge program will give businesses and organisations already taking significant action on climate change the opportunity to showcase and build upon their work to-date, while inspiring and enabling others to make their own contributions to emissions reductions.

Victorians are invited to visit the pledge website and register their commitment to be part of the process of helping Victoria reach net zero by 2050 at: take2.vic.gov.au

For more information, and to obtain a copy of the Independent Review of the *Climate Change Act 2010* report go to www.delwp.vic.gov.au/climate-change-act

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"Victoria is once again leading the nation when it comes to tackling climate change."

"Updating our laws and introducing a target to reduce emissions in Victoria will ensure we take advantage of the new jobs and economic opportunities created by renewable energy."

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

"We are taking decisive action because we know that climate change is real and we ignore it at our peril."

"We are working with business and across government to reduce emissions in Victoria."

Quote attributable to CEO of Environment Victoria Mark Wakeham

"Setting a legislated target for ending climate pollution provides a strong signal for all future government and business decisions."