



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## INNOVATORS IN ALTONA DISTRICT AT THE FOREFRONT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to deliver lasting action on climate change, with the announcement of recipients from the Altona District of the Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation grants.

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy today announced grants to support organisations in Altona District to become local leaders in the development of innovative solutions to the challenges of climate change.

The program recognises Victoria's significant industry capabilities, including education and professional services which make us well placed to tackle the challenges of climate change.

A grant of almost \$300,000 has been awarded to a program run by the University of Melbourne that aims at helping coastal communities here in our local area adapt to the long-term effects of climate change.

The grants program delivers on the Government's lasting action on climate change, and the program reiterates the importance and awareness that working towards a solution is everyone's responsibility.

The Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation will run a workshop in April for successful projects.

Victoria is taking action on climate change, and delivering VRET targets of 25 per cent by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2025.

### Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

*"Our coastal parks and communities are an iconic part of Melbourne's west and I'm proud of the people working to protect these unique environments"*

*"We know how important this work is – that's why we're working together with the local community to provide real solutions to combat climate change."*