

Media Release

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VICTORIA'S ENVIRONMENT AT ITS BEST ON FOUR WHEELS

Four wheel drive enthusiasts in Victoria will enjoy better services and safer conditions thanks to a \$750,000 grant from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today announced the funding for Four Wheel Drive Victoria to deliver safe and sustainable camper education programs, improved volunteer services and new touring routes in the state.

The funding will be spread over three years and will assist Four Wheel Drive Victoria to support responsible four wheel driving on public land in partnership with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Parks Victoria.

Today, Ms D'Ambrosio also released the official guide to four wheel driving in Victoria and announced the establishment of a 4WD Advisory Committee.

Four-wheel driving is one of the most popular recreational activities across Victoria's parks and forests, which cover some eight million hectares of public land, ready to be explored.

Victoria also boasts the most accessible public land road network in Australia, opening up our stunning snow-capped alps, lowland grasslands and magnificent forests for Victorians to appreciate and respect.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria has a longstanding commitment to protecting and improving our environment, reflected through volunteer work such as track clearing, driver education and litter collection.

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

"The passionate work of volunteers and club members is estimated to provide the state with more than \$2.8 million each year in direct benefits."

"We're proud to promote the work of Four Wheel Drive Victoria and the great opportunities that exist throughout our state for nature-based tourism."

Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean Danielle Green

"Four wheel driving is a fantastic way to see the great outdoors and Victoria has some of the most stunning four wheel driving opportunities available anywhere in Australia."