

Media Release

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CREATING FAIRER AND SAFER JOBS FOR VICTORIANS

The Allan Labor Government is making sure more Victorian workers have the safe and secure workplaces they deserve, with the expansion of the Fair Jobs Code backing workers and recognising Victoria's best employers.

Minister for Jobs and Industry Natalie Hutchins today toured the construction site at Footscray Hospital to announce the expansion of the Code, which is set to ensure even more businesses bidding for government tenders and procurements are providing fair and safe workplaces for their employees.

The project's appointed builder Multiplex is one of more than 4,250 businesses that have received pre-assessment certificates through the Fair Jobs Code since 2022 – helping prioritise suppliers and businesses that have fair labour standards and do the right thing by their staff.

From Sunday, 1 September, the Labor Government's Code will be now applied to all government contracts worth \$1 million and over – expanding the current threshold of \$3 million for direct contracts and \$10 million for subcontracts.

This means more suppliers and businesses benefiting from government contracts or significant grants are providing safe, secure and inclusive workplaces for their employees which includes demonstrating a history of complying with relevant industrial laws and that their workplaces are fair, safe and secure.

The expanded threshold also means even more small-to-medium-sized enterprises and subcontractors will be certified to participate in government tenders and procurements.

To register online for an information session on the Fair Jobs Code expansion register at trybooking.com/CSCPL. For more information on the code, visit vic.gov.au/fairjobscode.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Jobs and Industry Natalie Hutchins

"Strengthening the Fair Jobs Code will ensure Government contracts are awarded to companies who do the right thing by their workers – and it will prevent them from being undercut by those that don't."

"With well over 4,000 pre-assessment certificates already issued, it's clear that most businesses are doing the right thing by their workers – and by doing so, they are boosting the state's economy."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas

"This project is delivering for Victorian workers and the entire community – ensuring bigger and better health infrastructure for Melbourne's west."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"Every family should have access to the health services they need close to home and that's exactly what this world-class investment is delivering right here in Melbourne's booming western suburbs."

Quote attributable to Multiplex Project Director Mike King

"Looking after our people and empowering and supporting them to thrive is part of Multiplex's core values – obtaining a Fair Jobs Code pre-assessment certificate is just one way that we're keeping to these values."

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