

LABOR WILL BUILD THE HARCOURT MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

A 34km mountain bike park will be built on a former pine plantation under an Andrews Labor Government to boost tourism and keep Harcourt locals fit and active.

Shadow Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Jacinta Allan, joined Labor Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, to announce the plan.

Labor's \$1 million investment in the Harcourt Mountain Bike Park plan is estimated to boost the local economy by \$10 million, attracting 100,000 visitors each year and creating 58 jobs within five years.

In regional Victoria, an Andrews Labor Government will also kickstart the Wandong to Bendigo rail trail and invest \$19 million in the Grampians Peak Trail to boost tourism.

Labor will also invest \$100 million to increase the safety, and the number, of cyclists in Victoria. Total estimated expenditure of cycle tourists in Australia is \$2.4 billion, with Victoria's share of that market being \$362 million.

Quotes attributable to Ms Allan

"This is about bringing tourists to Central Victoria and building a local icon."

"Locals have called for something like this and Labor has listened."

Quotes attributable to Ms Edwards

"We want to keep locals active and grow local jobs."

"This will bring 100,000 visitors to town and be a real boost to our economy."

Key Facts

- The former Labor Government built more than 1000 kilometres of on-road and off-road bike paths.
- The Harcourt Mountain Bike Park will cost \$2 million. An Andrews Labor Government will seek other partners to complete the project.

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