

Media Release



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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR PREMIER'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

The Andrews Labor Government has announced the finalists for the Premier's Sustainability Awards.

This year's finalists include:

- a campaign to save the orange-bellied parrot
- a project that regenerates shellfish reefs using leftover oyster shells from local restaurants
- a highly automated steel galvanizing plant that produces significantly low emissions

The winners from 10 categories will be announced at the Awards ceremony on October 26, along with two overall winners selected by the Premier of Victoria in the following categories:

- Premier's Regional Recognition Award for a finalist who has demonstrated notable benefits for regional Victoria and
- Premier's Recognition Award for a winner who showcases exemplary innovation and determination in overcoming obstacles in sustainability.

The Labor Government is working to reduce Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions by 15 – 20 per cent by 2020, and achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

This year it unveiled a \$146 million Renewable Energy Action Plan, aimed at delivering more renewable, affordable and reliable energy for Victorians.

Visit www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au for information on the finalists and to buy tickets to the Awards.

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

"Each finalist is a testament to the world class sustainability work we do in Victoria and the prestige of the Premier's Sustainability Awards program."

"We've had the broadest cross section of entries in the Award's 15 year history and it's great to see such ingenuity and innovation in the way Victorians approach sustainability."

"I congratulate each finalist for their exemplary work to mitigate the impact of climate change and reduce emissions."