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**CREATING A GREAT NEW LOCAL PARK FOR IVANHOE RESIDENTS**

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will create two new parks in the electorate of Ivanhoe to give residents a great place to socialise, relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Only Labor will put people before developers to make sure our city retains its place as one of the world’s best places to live.

A re-elected Labor Government will invest $35 million to buy or repurpose 25 small pockets of land in built-up suburbs to create new parks where there is a lack of public open space.

Labor will work with local councils to find vacant lots and small, unused pieces of land for new “pocket parks” to be created across Melbourne.

Labor will also invest $10 million for councils to upgrade and landscape underutilised suburban space and local parks.

Former Planning Minister Matthew Guy and the Liberals approved thousands of apartments and high rises, making developers rich but giving no thought to what makes a community, such as parks and places for people to exercise, walk their dog and socialise.

Only Labor will make sure our suburbs are great places to live and that Melbourne has the parks and open spaces that a major city needs.

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

*“Labor puts people first and that’s what these pocket parks are all about - putting people, their happiness and wellbeing ahead of profits and developers.”*

*“Sometimes the simplest things in life are the most important - pushing your kids on the swings at your local park, sitting on a bench with an old friend, catching up with the people you care about - we’ll build these parks because we all need a place down the road to enjoy the simple things.”*

**Quotes attributable to Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines**

*"Growing up, the local park was always at the heart of our neighbourhood."*

*"I want the next generation of local kids to have that very same experience – and under Labor they will."*