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Premier Delivers Bigger Boating Win For Victorians

VRFish applauds the Andrews Labor Government with the release of the Victorian Recreational Boating Strategy and action plan. The strategy and plan form the backbone of Labor's Better Boating election promise and will drive an unprecedented level of targeted investment in better recreational boating facilities across the State.

The Andrews Labor government established the Better Boating Fund in legislation last year and delivered on the promise of returning every cent of marine licence and vessel registration fees to the fund by July 1st this year.

Released for consultation today on the engage Victoria platform, the 10-year strategy will see more than \$150 Million dollars invested in boating facility builds, upgrades, improvements, and maintenance. The Draft Victorian Recreational Boating Strategy can be found here: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/rec-boating-strategy>

Quotes attributable to VRFish Chair Mr Rob Loats:

"The Premier promised it and Minister Horne has delivered it. We're looking at a level of investment in Victorian recreational boating facilities that will surpass both the Queensland and NSW governments."

"No Minister has delivered a win this big for Victoria's recreational boaters and fishers since the introduction of vessel registration fees in 1961. This is true legacy building and I personally commend Minister Horne for her leadership."

"Victorian boaters now have a chance to shape how the strategic plans delivers what they need to enjoy better boating now and in the future. I encourage anyone who goes boating to visit the engage Victoria website, read the strategy and provide feedback."

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