



# **The Hon. Enver Erdogan MP**

## Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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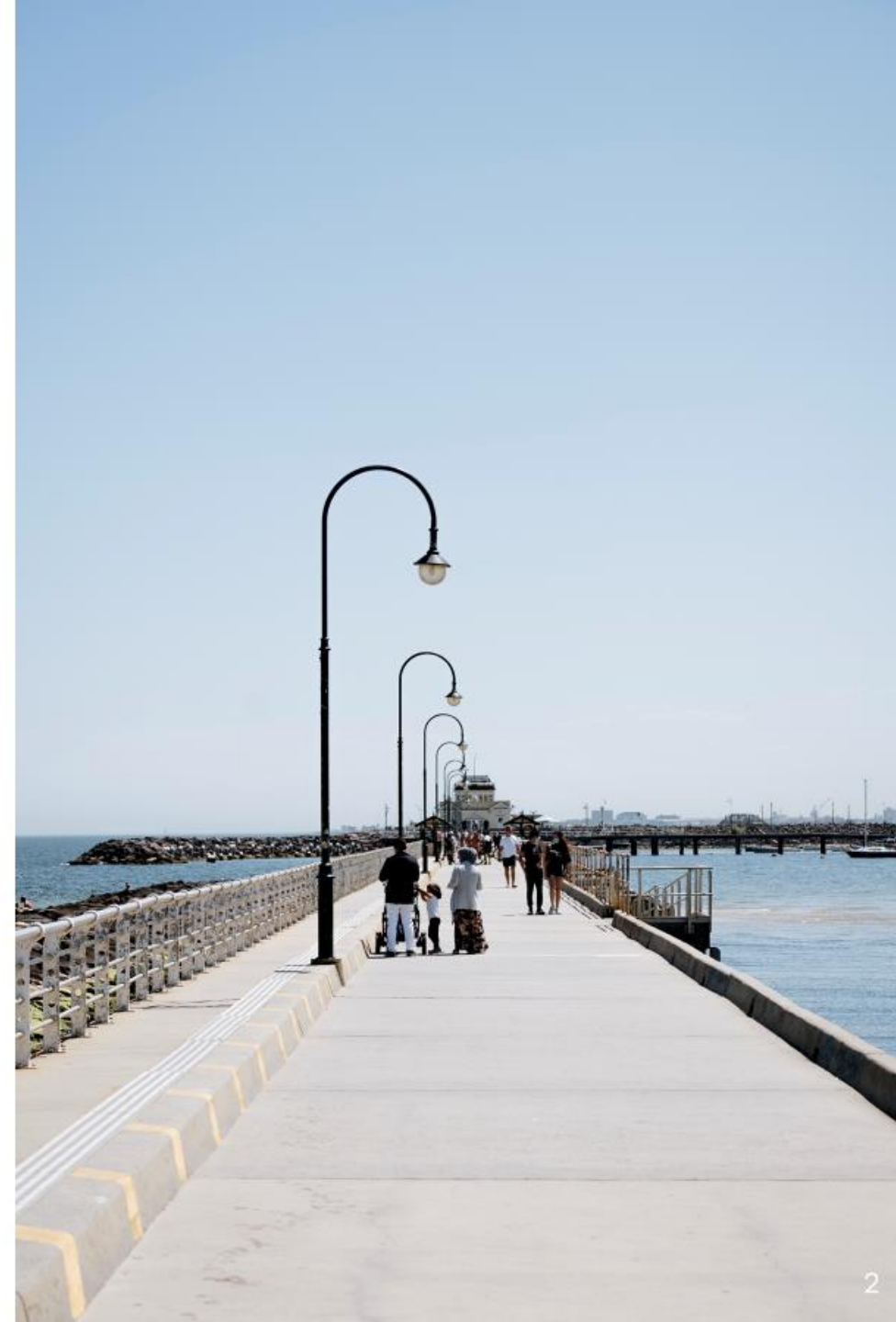


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# State of the Portfolio

## Outdoor Recreation significantly benefits Victorians, visitors to the state, and our economy

- Recreational fishing, boating, and game hunting make a significant contribution to the Victorian economy, **supporting thousands of jobs** across the state, particularly in regional Victoria.
- Consumers spend over **\$7 billion** annually on nature-based outdoor activities in Victoria, supporting over **71,000** jobs (based on historical estimates).
- The value of fishing and boating has been estimated at **\$5.82 billion** in gross value added to the economy per year.
- The government has announced the establishment of **Outdoor Recreation Victoria**.





# Our Achievements

## Recreational Boating and Fishing

- Continued to deliver commitments under the **\$96 million** Go Fishing and Boating Plan.
- Meeting Victoria's fish stocking target in 2025-26 of 10 million fish, taking the total fish stocked since July 2020 to over 48 million.
- Since 2021, reinvested more than **\$139 million** of boater's licence and registration fees through the Better Boating Fund to over 70 boating infrastructure and facility upgrades.
- Victorian Fisheries Authority led or supported **over 45 events** with approximately 45,500 attendees across 2025-26 to date.

# Our Achievements

## Game Hunting

- Delivered regulated annual hunting seasons for deer, duck and Stubble Quail **to over 48,000 Game Licence holders.**
- Supported over 12,000 duck and quail hunters to complete **mandatory online education** modules and testing before being issued a Game Licence.
- Continued to implement adaptive harvest management for game ducks in Victoria, and **Victoria's Waterfowl Wounding Reduction Action Plan.**
- Amended the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2024 and made the **Conservation, Forests and Lands (Wildlife (Game) Infringement Notices) Regulations 2026.**
- **Conducted several research projects** including the annual game duck abundance survey, harvest surveys, waterfowl wounding monitoring, waterfowl movement and survival.





# Budget Initiatives

## Go Fishing Victoria

- **\$5 million** over one year to ensure delivery of the government's commitment to stock **10 million fish** in Victorian waterways each year, while supporting the operations of the expanded Arcadia and Snobs Creek hatcheries.