

Victorian Members of Parliament Delegation to Indonesia International Travel Report 28 June to 6 July 2025

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Victorian MPs meeting with Members of the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah Provinsi Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta (DKI Jakarta Regional House of Representatives)

Type of Business - Electorate

Statement of Objectives and Reason for Travel

Ella George MP, Renee Heath MP and I established the Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Indonesia earlier this year. I've had a longstanding interest and passion for our relationship with Indonesia and setting up the parliamentary friends was the first step in growing the relationship between the state of Victoria and the Republic of Indonesia.

In June and July 2025 I travelled to Indonesia along with Ella George MP, Member for Lara and Jeff Bourman MP, Member for Eastern Victoria.

We planned a high-quality itinerary for our parliamentary delegation visiting representatives of various levels of government, the business community, Australian diplomats, Indonesian importers of Australian quality exports,

Australian Universities and other businesses who have established themselves in Indonesia, and we made valuable cultural connections.

We visited Indonesia's capital city, Jakarta, and Bandung, the fourth largest city and capital of the Province of West Java.

Indonesia is a large Victorian export market, with Indonesia being Victoria's sixth-largest goods export market. Victoria has exports to Indonesia of \$AUD 1.1 billion in 2021 and two-way trade reaching \$AUD 2.8 billion.

Indonesia is the fifth-largest export market for food and fibre from Victoria, valued at \$987 million. Victoria makes up 24% of the national total of Australian food and fibre exports to Indonesia.

Two Australian Universities have campuses in Indonesia, the first to establish itself was Monash University in Jakarta. We visited the newly established University of Deakin in Bandung which is set to open in September this year.

Victoria's relationship with Indonesian cities is strong. In 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Victorian Government and the Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta, to increase cultural, educational, and innovative industry exchanges between the two jurisdictions.

In 2022, the Victorian Government signed a Letter of Intent with the Provincial Government of West Java, to deepen cooperation across a range of areas including economic development, education and training, sustainability and cross-cultural understanding.

It is an exciting time to grow the cultural, environmental and economic relationships between Victoria and Indonesia as both of our people continue to see growth in our economies, care for our climate and natural spaces and share the rich cultures and attractions of our near Neighbours.

Meetings and visits

Saturday 28 June 2025

Travel from Melbourne to Jakarta.

Stayed in Jakarta Saturday 28 June, Sunday 29 June, Monday 30 June, Tuesday 1 July, Wednesday 2 July 2025

Sunday 29 June 2025 – Jakarta

Our Delegation visited Grand Lucky Superstore, a popular premium supermarket in Jakarta and throughout Indonesia. There were an incredible range of Victorian products on display and was a great way to commence our understanding of the

export opportunities already being taken on by Victorian agriculture and food manufacturers.

We saw milks, cheeses, and baby formulas, breakfast cereals and premium beef on sale. Victorian brands – like Leggos pasta sauces, Remedy Lane kombucha and QV skin products had a wide variety of products on offer.

Meeting Grand Lucky's Finance Director, the Delegation had the opportunity to better understand the regulatory environment that Australian businesses wishing to export fresh produce to Indonesia face, including the requirement that any food and fibre imports into Indonesia must be imported via an approved importer.

Along with several large supermarkets throughout Indonesia, Grand Lucky's parent company owns importing and distribution business, making it an ideal partner for Victorian producers who want to export to Indonesia and have their goods stocked on Indonesian supermarket shelves.



Visiting GrandLucky Superstore, a supermarket stocking premium Victorian products.

Monday 30 June 2025 – Jakarta

The Delegation met with Naila Mazzucco, Commissioner for Victoria to Southeast Asia, for a discussion around Global Victoria's role in the

Indonesian market and Victoria's engagement with Indonesia and the Southeast Asia region.

The Delegation discussed opportunities for Victoria with the Commissioner, including for increased Victorian exports across the food and fibre sector and the strength of Victoria's education system and universities for Indonesians looking for international study opportunities. These opportunities come at a time where Indonesia's middle class is growing rapidly and there is a demand for premium Victorian products and high-quality education.

The Delegation travelled to the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah Provinsi Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta (DKI Jakarta Regional House of Representatives), to meet with Members of the House of Representatives.



Delegates at the DPRD DKI Jakarta



It was an honour to meet with Mr. Drs. H. Khoirudin, M.Si, Chairman of DPRD DKI Jakarta and Mr. Nova Harivan Paloh, SE., MM, Chairman of Commission DPRD DKI Jakarta, along with other MPs and Government officials.

The discussion between Victorian and Jakarta MPs was wide and varied, and included discussions on opportunities to increase two-way trade, potential cultural exchanges between Victoria and Jakarta, and the desire for more educational opportunities for students. There was also significant interest in Victoria's major events calendar including Melbourne Fashion Week.

Discussions with MPs and Government Officials at the DPRD DKI Jakarta

Following the Official Reception, the Delegation met with Members of Parliament from NasDem, one of Indonesia's major political parties. In particular, the Delegation would like to thank Mr. Jupiter, SE., MM, and Mr. Nova Harivan Paloh, SE., MM for their warm welcome.



Victorian MPs meeting with MPs from the NasDem Political Party

The Delegation was warmly hosted by Jakarta MPs and we hope to return the hospitality when a future Indonesian delegation visits Victoria.

In the afternoon, the Delegation met with representatives from PT Global Pratama Wijaya, an Indonesian company that imports Victorian beef and lamb. This meeting gave the Delegation an insight into some of the challenges that Victorian exporters face when attempting to enter the Indonesian market, including the complex regulatory environment (such as the certification of Victorian facilities before a Victorian producer can export to Indonesia) and the importance of linking with Indonesian importing and distribution companies.



Meeting with PT Global Pratama Wijaya

The Delegation also met with members of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) and again discussed opportunities to increase two-way trade between Victoria and Indonesia. KADIN Members will be visiting Melbourne later this year for the World Chambers Congress.

Tuesday 1 July 2025 – Jakarta

The Delegation met with Kevin Evans, Indonesia Director for the Australia-Indonesia Centre and a Vice President of the Indonesia Australia Business Council (IABC).

The Australia-Indonesia Centre (AIC) is a bilateral collaborative research initiative established by both governments, leading universities, and

industry. Its mission is to advance people-to-people links in science, technology, education, innovation and culture. Its lead agency is Victoria's Monash University.

Kevin provided an in-depth overview of the contemporary political, economic and social environment in Indonesia. His explanations of the differences between Australian and Indonesian political systems were incredibly helpful for the Delegation, and helped us to explain our roles to Indonesian MPs and Government officials that we subsequently met.

The Delegation met with Members of the Indonesia Australia Business Council, including National President Mariam Kartikatresni, for a productive discussion about the purpose of our delegation.

IABC Members provided the Delegation with an insight into Australian businesses that are based in Indonesia, including the challenges and opportunities.



Meeting with IABC Members.

Wednesday 2 July 2025 – Jakarta & Bandung

Travel from Jakarta to Bandung

Stayed in Bandung Wednesday 2 July – Friday 4 July 2025

The Delegation met with Rebecca Valentine, Counsellor of Climate and Infrastructure at the Australian Embassy, to discuss the KINETIK program.

KINETIK (Kemitraan untuk Iklim, Energi Terbarukan dan Infrastruktur) is a flagship initiative under the Australia-Indonesia Climate and Infrastructure Partnership, aimed at supporting Indonesia's transition to a net-zero emissions future through investments in renewable energy, climate finance, and inclusive infrastructure. It was launched in 2024.

The Partnership is valued at \$200 million AUD and will directly invest in climate-focused small and medium sized enterprises through Australian Development Investments and incentivise investment in larger scale green infrastructure projects.

Like many other nations, Indonesia is looking for opportunities to transition to renewable energy and reduce the impact of climate change. This was seen proudly on display in Jakarta, a city that has rapidly taken up electric vehicles for private use, taxis and buses. Jakarta has incentives for EVs – with EVs being allowed on all roads, every day, but non-EVs only being allowed on certain roads depending on the day of the week.

The Delegation saw commonalities between what the KINETIC program has set out to achieve and a number of Victoria Government initiatives, including programs around household energy efficiencies (such as providing support for solar panels) and neighbourhood batteries. There is an opportunity here for Victoria to share its knowledge and learnings from our own transition to clean, renewable energy.

Following this, the Delegation met with the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Rod Brazier. Ambassador Brazier briefed the Delegation on the Australian Embassy's priorities including areas of focus for increased two-way trade between Australia and Indonesia.



Meeting Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Rod Brazier

The Delegation travelled from Jakarta to Bandung via the Whoosh, a new high speed rail connection that reaches speeds of 350 km per hour – cutting down a three-hour car trip to under 45 minutes. It is the first high speed rail connection in the Southern Hemisphere.

Bandung is one of Indonesia's largest cities and the capital of West Java Province – which is home to 50 million people. Bandung is known as the 'Paris of Java', reflecting its art deco architecture. The city is a popular tourism destination for domestic tourists (particularly for weekend trips from Jakarta) and is surrounded by mountains and protected forests. It is known for its creative culture, contemporary art and designers, and has a large

manufacturing sector including textiles. The first Asian-African Conference, the first step in the creation of the Non-Aligned Movement, was held in Bandung in 1955.

In 2022, the Governments of Victoria and West Java signed a Letter of Intent focusing on economic development, education and training, sustainability, and cross-cultural understanding. Work is underway to progress this to a Memorandum of Understanding.

Under the Letter of Intent, joint projects to date have included:

- Completion of Citarum River Revitalization Research Project (2024): Monash University, with support from the Victorian Government's Study Melbourne Research Partnership, completed a major research project supporting the revitalization of the Citarum River — once dubbed the dirtiest river in the world.
- MSO-West Java Cultural Collaboration (2023): The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra collaborated with the West Java Government on a joint music camp and a public performance in West Java. This initiative strengthened cultural ties and created a new platform for future artistic and cultural exchanges.
- Supporting West Java Gaming Companies at MIGW (2023, 2024): Victoria supported gaming companies from West Java to participate in the Melbourne International Games Week.
- Supporting West Java's Sustainable Fashion Innovation (2023): Victoria proudly supported MYCL, a West Java-based sustainable fashion innovator, to showcase their work in Melbourne.

After arriving in Bandung, the Delegation visited Deakin University Lancaster University Indonesia – a partnership between Victoria's Deakin University and the UK's Lancaster University.

The Delegation was greeted by Professor Greg Barton, Rector of Deakin University Lancaster University Indonesia and his team who kindly showed us around their new campus.

Deakin's Bandung Campus felt like being on a high-quality Victorian campus; modern, fit for purpose learning spaces, state of the art technology, a library, and spaces for students to study together and socialise after class.

The first students will be welcomed in September this year and five courses are on offer:

- Bachelor of Commerce/BSc (Honours) Accounting and Finance
- Bachelor of Business Analytics/BSc (Honours) Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Commerce/BSc (Honours) Business Management

- Bachelor of Cyber Security/BSc (Honours) Computer Science
- Bachelor of Computer Science/BSc (Honours) Computer Science



Deakin University's Bandung Campus

With this campus, Indonesian students now have the opportunity to attain an international education without travelling overseas.

Students who graduate from Deakin Bandung will have their degrees recognised in Indonesia, Australia and the UK and have the opportunity to study for a semester in either Victoria or Lancaster.

The Delegation was warmly hosted by the Mayor of Bandung, Muhammad Farhan for dinner at the Mayor's Residence. A number of MPs from the West Java Regional Parliament joined us for dinner.

The Mayor identified waste management as a key priority for Bandung to tackle in the coming years. The Delegation see this as an opportunity where Victoria can share its knowledge and learnings and support Bandung in it's journey to better manage waste.

Thursday 3 July 2025 – Bandung

The Delegation was warmly welcomed to the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah Provinsi Jawa Barat (West Java Regional House of Representatives) and met with Ir. M. Q. Iswara, Vice Chairman of DPRD Jawa Barat, senior MPs and government officials.

West Java MPs kindly led a tour of the Parliamentary building and we discussed opportunities for great economic and cultural collaboration.



Visiting DPRD Jawa Barat

MPs from Victoria and West Java agreed that Victoria and Bandung have much in common: from our shared love of coffee and café culture, to communities that love sports and value green open spaces. MPs also discussed the Letter of Intent between the Governments of Victoria and West Java, and the opportunity for a Memorandum of Understanding.



Media conference following the Delegation's meeting at the DPRD Jawa Barat

Friday 4 July 2025 – Bandung & Jakarta

Travel from Bandung to Jakarta

Stayed in Jakarta Friday 4 July – Sunday 6 July 2025

Before returning to Jakarta, the Delegation had an early morning meeting with Mark Hallett, an Australian dairy farmer based just outside of Bandung.

Mark's Dago Dairy is producing organic milk and dairy products that can be found in many cafes and shops throughout Bandung. Mark provided insight into Indonesia's dairy industry including the co-op system, where many small farms are providing milk to larger co-ops for processing and distribution.



The Delegation with Mark Hallett, an Australian dairy farmer in Bandung, at a café serving his organic milk

Once again, the Delegation travelled to Jakarta via the high-speed train, the Whoosh. The Whoosh demonstrates the value of a high-speed rail connection linking major cities – for people living in and around Bandung, job opportunities in Jakarta have now opened up to them as it is easy to commute on a daily basis.

Once back in Jakarta, the Delegation again met with Naila Mazzucco, Commissioner for Victoria to Southeast Asia, to share our learnings and reflect on our week in Jakarta and Bandung.

Saturday 5 July 2025 – Jakarta

We pulled on our footy boots and had a kick with the Jakarta Bintangs!

The Jakarta Bintangs are part of AFL Indonesia. They hold weekly training sessions on Saturdays, and regularly play against other teams from across Southeast Asia.

Each Saturday at training, the Bintangs bring students from a local orphanage to play AFL. There, they learn basic football skills, practice drills, and have a go at playing in an informal match. It's a caring and encouraging atmosphere for young people, and helps them to build a supportive community outside of the orphanage.

Spreading the love of AFL through sports diplomacy, the Jakarta Bintangs are breaking down cultural barriers with a shared love of footy. It was wonderful to meet some young footy fans who were so passionate about their AFL teams!



Joining in footy training with the Jakarta Bintang in the heart of Indonesia's capital city.

Sunday 6 July 2025

Travel from Jakarta to Melbourne.

Reference to documents or publications obtained or considered to be of interest in a Parliamentary sense – N/A

Summary of results achieved and recommendations

Indonesia is our closest neighbour – and it is important to build a meaningful, mutually beneficial relationship between our two countries.

Our visit to Jakarta and Bandung highlighted many opportunities for closer collaboration. This includes greater two-way trade between Victoria and Indonesia, particularly across the food and fibre sector. Our meetings demonstrated a great interest in, and a growing demand for Victorian beef, lamb, dairy products, cereals and grains, and other premium brands.

Melbourne is the number one destination for Indonesian students looking to study abroad – something that every Victorian should be proud of. And now, with Monash University and Deakin University establishing campuses in Jakarta and Bandung, an international education is much closer for Indonesian students.

Two-way trade should not be the only focus of our relationship with Indonesia. Victoria has ample expertise in a range of areas that MPs, Government officials and business leaders highlighted as priorities for their communities. Victoria can share its knowledge and expertise in a range of areas including the environment, addressing climate change, supporting communities to transition to renewable energy, waste management, building a stronger, more productive and more resilient agricultural sector, and educating young people with the skills they need for the jobs of the future.

Our delegation was warmly greeted throughout our various meetings in Jakarta and Bandung and our interest in building a stronger relationship between Victoria and Indonesia was well received.

We are already seeing the benefits of our Delegation, having recently hosted a Delegation of Indonesian Federal MPs in the Victorian Parliament. This would not have been possible without Global Victoria's Jakarta office having a direct link to Victorian MPs.

We hope to meet with KADIN members later this year when they visit Melbourne for the World Chambers Congress, and we look forward to hosting future delegations of MPs and Government officials in the Victorian Parliament.

The partnerships between Victorian and Indonesian communities can only continue to grow from strength to strength, as we build on the well-established foundations of years of friendship and look for more opportunities for collaboration into the future.

Recommendations include:

- Continue to build a meaningful, mutually beneficial relationship between Victoria and Indonesia
- Continue to create connections for Victorian beef, lamb, dairy, cereals and grains products with the Indonesian market.
- Share knowledge and expertise in environment, addressing climate change, supporting communities to transition to renewable energy, waste management, building a stronger, more productive and more resilient agricultural sector, and educating young people with the skills they need for the jobs of the future.
- Host return delegations from Indonesia at the Victorian Parliament

Summary of Accommodation Travel Allowance

Date	City	Allowance (IDR)	Exchange (AUD/IDR)	Allowance (AUD)
Saturday 28 June	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80
Sunday 29 June	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80
Monday 30 June	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80
Tuesday 1 July	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80
Wednesday 2 July	Bandung	1,311,768 IDR	\$0.000095	\$124.89
Thursday 3 July	Bandung	1,311,768 IDR	\$0.000095	\$124.89
Friday 4 July	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80
Saturday 5 July	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80
Sunday 6 July	Jakarta	2,172,043 IDR	\$0.000095	\$206.80

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