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Regional Cities Victoria welcomes incoming Premier Jacinta Allan and Deputy Premier Ben Carroll

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Regional Cities Victoria welcomes the appointment of the Hon. Jacinta Allan as the 49th Premier of Victoria, and incoming Deputy Premier Ben Carroll.

Regional Cities Victoria Chair Cr Andrea Metcalf said the appointment was good news for regional Victoria.

“As a regional Victorian, Ms Allan has represented the electorate of Bendigo East for 24 years and has an outstanding understanding of the issues faced by regional communities,” Cr Metcalf said.

“We have always had a productive and responsive relationship with Ms Allan while she was Deputy Premier, and we will continue to engage with her office on regional issues in her new position as Premier.

“In particular, RCV will continue to work with the Government in relation to its *Housing Statement* and the \$2 Billion Regional investment package.”

Regional Cities Victoria acknowledges outgoing Premier Daniel Andrews for his commitment to regional Victoria through his government’s agenda.

“Over almost a decade, Premier Andrews implemented many policies that benefitted our regional communities, such as investing in regional hospitals, the Regional Rail Revival, ensuring payroll tax in regional Victoria was the lowest in the country, and creating jobs that ensured record low unemployment in the regions. The lasting effects of his government’s agenda will be felt for many years to come,” Cr Metcalf said.

Regional Cities Victoria comprises the 10 largest regional cities in Victoria – Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga.

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