



Media release

The Hon Kim Wells MP

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Naphthine Government announces a new CFA station for Bayswater

- **Naphthine Government to build new \$2.5 million Bayswater CFA station**
- **Investment will increase emergency response capabilities in Bayswater**
- **Coalition Government building a better and safer Victoria**

A new \$2.5 million CFA station in Bayswater will be built under a re-elected Naphthine Government, Minister for Police and Emergency Services Kim Wells announced tonight.

“The Naphthine Government is building a better and safer Victoria by ensuring Bayswater and surrounding areas are better protected from fires and other threats,” Mr Wells said.

“Funding of \$2.5 million will enable the construction of a new station at the current Scoresby Road site and ensure the local brigade, which has been serving the local community for more than 70 years, will be better equipped to meet current and future needs.

“The new station will replace a building constructed almost 40 years ago, and significantly strengthen emergency response capabilities in Bayswater and surrounding areas.”

Member for Bayswater Heidi Victoria said the dedicated volunteer members were the backbone of Bayswater’s emergency response, dealing with more than 500 callouts annually.

“This is about providing our hardworking firefighters with the latest specialist equipment and resources to increase protection for the Bayswater community,” Ms Victoria said.

Bayswater CFA captain Diana Ferguson welcomed the announcement.

“I want to thank the State Government and our local member, Heidi Victoria, for listening. This is a significant project for Bayswater CFA, and will bring our brigade into line with some of the best stations around the state.”

Mr Wells said the Naphthine Government had a proven track record of supporting the more than 55,000 CFA volunteers across Victoria.

“Since coming to office the Coalition Government had invested more than \$125 million as part of a commitment to upgrade 250 CFA stations across the state, and with 240 upgrades now complete we are well on track to deliver on our commitment by November,” Mr Wells said.

“Under a Naphthine Government, Victoria’s emergency management response is better prepared and resourced than ever before, which has ensured Victoria is a safer place.”

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