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## Stockland delivers a new connection for Berwick residents to the Monash Freeway

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Stockland has today opened the \$24 million Bells Road, a north-south arterial road in the suburb of Berwick in Melbourne's southeast, giving motorists direct access to the Monash Freeway and opening up access to future housing.

The Stockland team was joined by representatives from the City of Casey, the Property Council of Victoria and members of the local community to celebrate the road's opening.

In partnership with City of Casey, Stockland built and funded the 1.9-kilometre arterial road between O'Shea Road and Grices Road, as well as the new signalised intersections at Carnival Boulevard and Grices Road. Today's opening marks the completion of the third and final section of the road in the Stockland Minta community.

Bells Road unlocks sections of Berwick, including land at Minta, and will eventually connect to Clyde and Clyde North, providing more opportunities for housing and employment in the future.

Stockland General Manager for Victorian Communities David Allington said the team has delivered infrastructure needed to keep pace with the region's rapid growth.

"This is an important milestone for the community, as it will ease current traffic congestion and enhance connection, accessibility and liveability for those in Minta and the surrounding suburbs," Mr Allington said.

"Bells Road will benefit the thriving communities of Stockland Minta and Stockland Halcyon in Berwick, as well as Stockland Evergreen and Stockland Edgebrook in Clyde."

Mr Allington said Stockland continues to work constructively with all levels of government, and with communities and local stakeholders to effectively plan for future housing with the right infrastructure.

"This part of Melbourne's southeast is already surrounded by good schools, shopping, hospitals and public transport, making it popular with first homebuyers and families through to downsizers and retirees," Mr Allington said.

City of Casey Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Patterson said the new Bells Road also unlocks a future employment hub north of the Minta Farm precinct.

"City of Casey is pleased to have partnered with Stockland on this project. These works will alleviate traffic congestion, addressing a major concern for Casey residents, by providing an alternative route to Berwick-Cranbourne Road and Clyde Road, and improve access for estates near Grices Road and Soldiers Road," said Mr Patterson.

Property Council Victorian Executive Director, Cath Evans said access to quality infrastructure is critical to support the lifestyles and aspirations of the community.

“This is a great example of how a partnership approach between industry and government can expedite the delivery of infrastructure that benefits everyone,” Ms Evans said.

Bells Road will open to the public on the afternoon of Friday 20 October.

### About Stockland Minta

- Located 48 kilometres from Melbourne, Berwick is a highly sought after suburb of the Casey region.
- Located on the south side of the Princes Freeway, Minta residents can head straight to the Melbourne CBD via Bells Road and Clyde Road. Alternatively, public transport users can take advantage of Berwick’s established bus routes and Beaconsfield Train Station just 3.5 kilometres away.
- Minta is only minutes from a wide selection of excellent primary and secondary schools, including Nossal High and the well-respected private school, Haileybury. Federation University is less than five kilometres away, as well a range of early learning and childcare centres.
- Eden Rise Shopping Centre provides the community with immediate retail needs 2.7 kilometres away.
- The proposed plan for an employment and retail precinct is set to create a large mixed-use destination surrounding the Minta community. This neighbouring precinct is anticipated to generate over 10,000 new jobs and is proposed to include an activated retail main street, landmark buildings, town square, small business and dedicated commercial areas.

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