



### PRIORITY 3 - Hinterland Connecting Trails

#### 7. Merricks to Balnarring (4.15 km)

A path that travels alongside Frankston-Flinders Road, connecting Merricks to Balnarring **Estimated Cost: \$2,933,000**

#### 8. Balnarring to Bittern (5.7 km)

A path that travels alongside Frankston-Flinders Road, connecting Balnarring to Bittern. **Estimated Cost: \$2,134,000**

#### CONSTRUCTION PHASE ECONOMIC BENEFITS

##### DIRECT IMPACT



**+\$5.07 million**  
in Direct Economic Output

**+12**  
Direct Jobs (FTE)

##### INDIRECT IMPACT

**+\$5.45 million**  
in Indirect Economic Output



**+17**  
Indirect Jobs (FTE)

#### QUALITATIVE BENEFITS

➔ Strengthening Mornington Peninsula's brand as a premier cycling and walking destination

➔ Encourage an increase in active transport use for recreation and commuter trips

##### ➔ Other Benefits

- Encourage a reduction in traffic congestion, road provision costs, vehicle ownership, operating and parking costs
- Encourage a reduction of environmental pollution and traffic noise
- Encourage improved physical and cognitive health for children and seniors
- Encourage an increase in social connection and civic pride

➔ Encourage a greater dispersal of visitation across the region

➔ Satisfies and aligns with local and state Government's strategic objectives including:

- Victoria's Cycling Strategy
- Victoria's Visitor Economy Strategy
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Plan
- Mornington Peninsula Bicycle Strategy
- Mornington Peninsula Shire's Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Mornington Peninsula Shire's Sustainable Transport Strategy

