

**Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula –
Australian Laser Championships**



On behalf of the Andrews Labor Government, welcome to Melbourne – sporting capital of Australia and proud host of the 2020 Australian Laser Championships at Sandringham Yacht Club.

Victoria lives and breathes sport, and no one puts on a show like we do.

We're home to some of the biggest events in the world including the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix, Australian Open tennis and the famous Spring Racing Carnival.

Over the coming days, Port Phillip Bay will be the field of battle for more than 200 Standard, Radial and 4.7 Laser rigs competitors out to claim some top trophies – and a spot on the 2020 Tokyo Olympics team.

Events like these present a great opportunity to showcase our city and state and that's why the Government is proud to have locked in the championships through the \$17.7 million *Significant Sporting Events Program*.

When you're not at the championships, I encourage you to sample the best that the city has to offer.

Whether it be the famous laneways that provide some of the world's best food and wine experiences, our world-class museums and galleries or a packed major events calendar, there's something for everyone in Melbourne.

Best of luck to all the competitors and to everyone watching by the bay, I hope you enjoy the Australian Laser Championships.

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