

Media Release

The Hon Philip Dalidakis MLC
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NEW DATA CENTRE TO DELIVER HUNDREDS OF JOBS IN THE WEST

A new state-of-the-art data centre will be established in Melbourne's west, creating up to 450 construction jobs on top of 35 ongoing full time roles.

Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade Philip Dalidakis today announced leading global tech company Digital Realty has acquired land and is looking to invest up to USD \$68 million to establish a new data centre in Deer Park.

Early stages of the design and planning processes are already underway, with the new 8,000 square metre Connect@ScaleSM facility to be located adjacent to the company's existing Deer Park Data Centre.

Digital Realty holds more than 139 properties in over 32 markets throughout Europe, North America, Asia and Australia, exceeding 2.3 million square metres of data centre space.

The project will establish Digital Realty's third data centre in Victoria – making the company the largest provider of data centre services across the state – enabling it to meet surging demand as local and international corporations and SMEs increasingly turn to cloud-based information communication technology systems.

This investment from Digital Realty cements Victoria's reputation as a regional centre for data security and cyber security excellence and will strengthen the state's digital economy.

The Andrews Labor Government supported Digital Realty to discuss locations and methods to reduce their power and operational costs at their existing data centres.

Victoria hosts nearly a quarter of all data centres in Australia, with a digital technology industry that now generates more than \$34 billion in annual revenue and employs more than 91,300 people across the state.

This investment also follows moves to Victoria by a growing list of data and cyber security companies including the country's National Broadband Network (NBN), who announced last year they would be establishing their national Cyber Security Operations Centre in Victoria with 700 new jobs over the next five years.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade Philip Dalidakis

"This investment by Digital Realty strengthens Victoria's growing reputation as a leader in data security and cyber security excellence."

"The Andrews Labor Government is bolstering Victoria's push to be the place to do business in the Asia Pacific."

Quotes attributable to Member for Kororoit Marlene Kairouz

"With up to 450 construction jobs and 35 ongoing full time, this is a great investment for the Deer Park area that will not only boost our local workforce but strengthen the digital economy across the state."

Quotes attributable to Managing Director, APAC, Digital Realty Edward Higase

"This project will add tremendous value to both new and existing clients, and strengthens our continued investment in Australia and especially Victoria. The demand for data centre space will only continue to grow as more companies move towards the cloud and look to outsource IT infrastructure."

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