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Officials gathered yesterday at Wyndham Harbour to take part in the first turning of the sod and to mark the start of the \$440million marina and residential development. Planning Minister Matthew Guy (pictured) said it would provide a much-needed facility for those travelling by boat between Melbourne and Geelong. "Local and regional economies will benefit from an estimated 72,000 day trips to the marina each year and \$8million in tourist expenditure once it's operational." He said the development would be a major boost for the economy, creating up to 3000 jobs during a five-year construction period and up to 440 jobs associated with marina operations, retail activity and property and site maintenance. Wyndham Harbour will be a residential, commercial and marina complex, and provide about 200 housing lots, 200 apartments and 27 terrace homes that incorporate environmentally sustainable initiatives.