

Media Release

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DELIVERING BETTER ACCESS TO VICTORIA'S BEST BEACHES

The Allan Labor Government is improving access and addressing erosion along the Victorian coastline, making it safer and easier for families to get out and explore the state's most iconic beaches.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced more than \$15 million to address coastal erosion, safety risks and access issues along Victoria's coast.

The works include dune protection, sand renourishment, repairs to stairs, walking trails, boardwalks and access ramps and restoration of damaged seawalls and damaged piers.

Over \$10 million will deliver restoration work and repairs where it's needed most including at Black Rock, Inverloch, Loch Sport, Tooradin, Silverleaves and Warrnambool.

Silverleaves will have works completed before Easter to protect the dunes from further erosion and to protect in land Philip Island from flooding and to maintain public access to the beach.

The Loch Sport Seagull Drive Boat Ramp will have a groyne field installed to help protect the boat ramp and will have sand renourishment to rebuild the coastline.

To enhance access and improve coastal infrastructure along the Great Ocean Road, \$2 million will address storm surge impacts including compromised seawalls and safe beach access for community in key locations such as Torquay, Port Campbell and Eastern View.

Parks Victoria will coordinate the restoration of key tourist and recreational piers along the Mornington Peninsula including at Portsea and Mornington, including safe access to beaches and walking trails with a \$2.2 million boost.

For more information about the works being delivered, visit marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"Delivering these critical repairs will ensure Victorians can continue to enjoy access to our beautiful beaches and coastline year-round."

"We're supporting coastal land managers to care for and protect coastal areas for the community's safety and enjoyment, both now and for future generations."