

Media Release

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COASTAL PUBLIC ACCESS AND RISK GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Allan Labor Government is investing in safer and improved access to our coastline, to ensure more people get to enjoy our beautiful beaches.

Minister of the Environment Steve Dimopoulos today opened applications for the Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants Program, which will deliver \$1.4 million in total to land managers to improve coastal access and safety at Victorian beaches.

Grants of up to \$150,000 are available for coastal Crown land managers, including volunteer committees of management and local governments, to reduce coastal risk through identification, mitigation and monitoring of risks.

Last year's grants helped establish a variety of infrastructure across Victoria's coastline, including upgrades to beach access steps by installing hand railing, replacement of beach access stairs and upgrades to eroding beach access paths.

Recipients have also used grants to support erosion management planning and coastal stability assessments.

This announcement is backed by the Labor Government's recent coastal erosion funding announcement, delivering \$15 million to address coastal erosion and safety risks across Victorian coastlines.

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

Restoration work and repairs will take place where it is needed most, including at Black Rock, Inverloch, Loch Sport, Tooradin, Silverleaves and Warrnambool.

Applications close on 30 April 2025, for more information and to apply, visit marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"The Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants will continue to support coastal Crown land managers in preserving some of our country's most spectacular coastal environments."

"It is important that Victorians can continue to safely access and enjoy our beautiful coasts, and we appreciate the work coastal Crown land managers undertake across the state to ensure this."