

Media Release

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PROTECTING VICTORIA'S UNIQUE COASTLINE

The Victorian Government is protecting the future of our state's precious coastline with more than \$11 million for maintenance and erosion management projects.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio said the works will help to address the climate challenges of rising sea levels and coastal erosion.

Three million dollars will go towards the continued protection of the Apollo Bay main beach, along with seawall repairs and erosion management upgrades for locations including Lakes Entrance and Mallacoota.

New grants totalling \$500,000 will also be available to coastal land managers to address access and coastal protection issues.

The funding will also support Traditional Owner partnership in marine and coastal planning and management, improve planning for activities in marine waters and the implementation of the Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan.

Victoria has more than 2,500 kilometres of coastline and about 10,000 square kilometres of marine waters that provide enormous environmental, social, cultural and economic value.

The funding is part of the Government's \$2.7 billion *Building Works* package, creating thousands of jobs and opportunities for Victorian businesses through and beyond the coronavirus pandemic.

The Government has invested more than \$60 million into a range of marine and coastal projects since 2014.

To learn more about the Marine and Coastal Policy visit: marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"Our precious coastline is facing significant climate challenges and we're working hard to address this in the short and long term."

"These works will help to restore our coastline – improving community resilience to coastal hazards such as inundation and erosion."

"This funding will help create jobs while protecting our coastal environment so locals and tourists can continue to enjoy it for generations to come."