

# Media Release

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## PREVENTING LANDSLIPS ON KEY SOUTH-WEST ROUTES

Tourists and locals can look forward to more reliable journeys, with vital works to prevent road closures due to landslips on the state's most iconic tourist routes thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said the \$32.8 million program through the Building Works package will prevent landslips and support jobs on the ground and in the supply chain.

This will include works on key south-west routes including Princes Highway West, Colac-Lavers Hill Road, Deans Marsh-Lorne Road, Cobden-Port Campbell Road, Timboon-Nullawarre Road and Timboon-Colac Road.

A raft of proactive stabilisation works will be delivered including rock netting, catch fences and earthworks, to provide safer journeys for people travelling on these roads and prevent road closures that may lead to communities becoming isolated in the event of a landslide.

It's all part of a \$124 million Victorian Government investment to fix more roads and help impacted communities get back on their feet, with fast-tracked upgrades set to create or support almost 300 regional Victorian jobs.

The landslide prevention works are expected to commence within the next six months and are scheduled for completion before the end of the 2020/21 financial year.

All projects will comply with the local jobs first policy, ensuring communities hit hardest by the impacts of the coronavirus will benefit from the additional investment.

For more information about road improvement works happening across regional Victoria, head to [regionalroads.vic.gov.au](http://regionalroads.vic.gov.au)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

*"We're keeping regional tourism and communities thriving – these upgrades are on key routes that connect tourists to some of the state's most-visited tourist hotspots like the Twelve Apostles and Port Campbell."*

*"Our \$124 million roads and bushfire recovery funding package will not only improve safety, but will also support and create hundreds of jobs to help Victorians get back to work."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

*"These upgrades are not only making our roads safer and more reliable – they're also supporting jobs across our region."*