

Media Release

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BOOST TO VISITOR EXPERIENCE AT WILSONS PROM

The Andrews Labor Government is improving the visitor experience at the much-loved Wilsons Promontory National Park, including upgrades to the Telegraph Saddle trail to connect Tidal River and Mount Oberon and making the Wildlife Circuit accessible for all abilities.

Consultants are now being sought to design, develop and investigate the \$23 million upgrade including a revamp of the Visitor and Education Centre at Tidal River.

The on-ground works are expected to be completed by the end of 2024. The local community and visitors to the area will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the project later this year.

In addition, the Labor Government is delivering new accommodation options and amenities and upgrades to the popular Tidal River campground are also being funded thanks to the \$105.6 million Victoria's Great Outdoors program.

Consultants are also being sought to investigate and design traffic management and carparking options to manage traffic congestion, especially around Tidal River.

Another tender process was recently opened for a 10km predator proof fence that will create a biodiversity sanctuary that will keep destructive species out of the park and support the recovery and re-establishment of native animals, plants and habitats.

The upgrade and improvement works are being informed by consultation with Traditional Owners ensuring the areas Aboriginal cultural heritage and environmental values are protected.

For more information and to sign up for updates: parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

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

"These upgrades mean visitors of all abilities will be able to enjoy our amazing Wilson's Prom and it's unique environment."

"We're creating a 50,000 hectare sanctuary where wildlife and habitats can be freed from the pressures of introduced predators and pests."

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"Wilson's Prom is a significant drawcard for Victoria and investments in the National Park will attract more visitors, delivering big benefits to local businesses."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett

"This investment is not only making great improvements to tourist amenities, it's creating jobs for the local economy and boosting tourism in the future."

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