

Media Release

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REBUILDING MCLOUGHLINS BEACH JETTY FOR THE FUTURE

The Andrews Labor Government is rebuilding the McLoughlins Beach Jetty in South Gippsland to make it safer and more accessible for boaters, fishers and visitors.

Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne said rebuilding the popular landmark means it will be enjoyed by the community well into the future and provide a much-needed economic boost to the area.

Rebuilding the jetty – last upgraded in 1985 – will also ensure it remains a popular choice for commercial operators, recreational boaters, anglers and sightseers who visit South Gippsland every day.

Works include new piles, new timber deck and beams with detailed design work for the new jetty set to start later this year.

The jetty will be rebuilt as part of an \$18 million package for piers and jetties across Victoria from the *Victorian Budget 2022-23*.

Construction of the new jetty will be subject to securing the necessary environmental approvals, which are required to deliver this project due to proximity to Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park and the adjoining Ramsar wetland. It's expected to take up to 12 months to secure the necessary approvals before work on site can begin.

During construction, access to Ninety Mile Beach will still be available using the footbridge near the boat ramp, continuing to provide access for locals and visitors to enjoy walking or fishing.

Rebuilding and safety works will also be undertaken to piers and jetties at Lakes Entrance, Raymond Island, Sorrento, Portsea, Hampton, Rye, Flinders, Williamstown and Mornington.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"Rebuilding the much-loved McLoughlins Beach Jetty will provide better access for boaters and fishers and ensure it can continue to be enjoyed by the community for years to come."

"We're delivering critical investments to local piers and jetties where they are needed most, securing our state's economy and supporting our recreational fishing and tourism industries."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett

"We're rebuilding this jetty to make it safer and more accessible for boaters, fishers and visitors – and ensure it continues to remain a popular choice for those who visit South Gippsland every day."