

Media Release

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SAFER ROADS IN WESTERN VICTORIA FOLLOWING LANDSLIP WORK

Deans Marsh-Lorne Road has been made safer for hundreds of road users including local drivers and tourists thanks to landslip stabilisation works by the Andrews Labor Government.

Crews rebuilt the slope along the road, about one kilometre south of Deans Marsh, to further protect the road and reduce the likelihood of potential closures following heavy rainfall events.

This section of the road is used by more than 800 vehicles every day and is often used as an alternative to the Great Ocean Road for drivers travelling to-or-from Lorne.

As part of the Labor Government's \$115 million Inland Routes Program, several landslip sites will be reconstructed, stabilised, and retaining walls built to improve the strength and resilience of these roads.

Earlier this year, a section of Lavers Hill-Cobden Road was reopened following extensive landslip repairs.

The Inland Routes Program also funded rock netting on Cobden-Port Campbell Road, pavement rehabilitation on Timboon-Nullawarre Road and retaining walls on Skenes Creek Road.

The Inland Routes Program forms part of the \$255 million Great Ocean Road renewal that was funded in the *Victorian Budget 2020/21*.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"Our Inland Routes program protects routes such as Deans Marsh-Lorne Road, that is frequently used by tourists as an alternative to the Great Ocean Road."

"By completing this work, tourists and cyclists can enjoy the classic winding Otways route during the popular holiday months."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"The slope stabilisation at Deans Marsh has significantly improved the safety and the lifespan of this popular road, ensuring it can be enjoyed by locals and visitors for years to come."