

# Media Release

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## MORE WAYS TO STAY AT WILSONS PROM

Visitors to Wilsons Promontory National Park will have more options for staying longer with tenders being sought to build new accommodation for the park.

This expansion is part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$23 million Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation project, building new and accessible roofed accommodation to support the high demand for overnight stays at the iconic national park.

Wilsons Promontory plays a critical role in conservation and will soon be Australia's largest, best-protected nature haven, allowing native species like Southern Brown Bandicoot and Long-nosed Potoroo to live without the threat of predators. The national park's unique coastal landscape and biodiversity is a drawcard for nature tourism.

A ballot system is currently used during peak periods with near 100 per cent occupancy rates recorded. This summer, about 140,000 people stayed at the Tidal River campground.

Two new units are planned alongside the existing huts at Tidal River, providing more options for families and groups. Some of the ageing Wilderness Retreats in the same area will also be replaced.

At the northern end of the national park, new studio-style units are planned. Located just outside the park boundary, the units will offer a base for visitors to explore the tracks and trails through the remote north-eastern sections.

The Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation project includes improved visitor experiences with more accommodation options, new walks, a revamped visitor precinct at Tidal River, and other upgrades.

The revitalisation is expected to directly generate 54 jobs and add approximately \$11.22 million to the regional economy.

Parks Victoria is engaging with Traditional Owners on this project and gathering feedback from the community, with surveys and opportunities to join the conversation on Engage Victoria: [engage.vic.gov.au/wilsons-prom](https://engage.vic.gov.au/wilsons-prom)

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

*"We're investing in projects to get people into nature, with more accessible and affordable options like new campgrounds, better walking trails and visitor facilities."*

*"The national park is set to become the largest, best-protected safe haven in the country, making sure we can accommodate visitors' sustainably is an important part of the parks future."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

*"The Prom is much-loved destination and huge tourism drawcard for Gippsland, the upgrades will ensure that it continues to be visited by locals and tourists from across the globe."*

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