

# Media Release

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## LOCH SPORT COASTAL EROSION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Andrews Labor Government is protecting Loch Sport's beautiful coastline by delivering the safest and most resilient long-term adaptation works for the foreshore so it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The Loch Sport community is invited to provide feedback on mitigation measures identified as part of the independent coastal processes and options assessment study – making sure the works align with community aspirations.

The project is part of a \$400,000 investment in the *Victorian Budget 2022/23* to undertake immediate works to address public safety risk at Loch Sport as well as begin works on a preferred pathway for long-term adaptation.

The Loch Sport Foreshore is experiencing moderate erosion, largely concentrated around the Seagull Drive area of Lake Victoria, affecting crown land and associated infrastructure, including a walking track.

All available intervention strategies for coastal erosion, especially hard structures, will experience some negative impact.

There are already over 70 structures, most of them groynes, at Loch Sport to help with erosion. These offer some protection but, as with all physical structures, also require ongoing management.

The survey is open to Loch Sport residents, homeowners, tourism and business operators and the broader community. There is also a public online information session and face-to-face community pop up session.

Over the past five years, the Labor Government has committed around \$5.6 million on coastal resilience projects throughout Gippsland, from Phillip Island to Mallacoota.

Through *Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting to 2100+* program, we're developing a state-wide approach to long-term coastal hazard resilience and adaption to support local government, land managers and communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change on the coast.

Consultation is open until 18 September. For a copy of the study report, information session details and feedback survey visit, [engage.vic.gov.au/loch-sport-foreshore-coastal-erosion](https://engage.vic.gov.au/loch-sport-foreshore-coastal-erosion).

### Quote attributable to Minister Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

*"Understanding and balancing the needs of the community and the protection of local values will make sure that we achieve the best possible outcome for successful adaptation."*

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

*"We're working closely with the local community, local council and the Foreshore Committee to investigate the best way to manage erosion at Loch Sport in the long-term."*

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