

Media Release

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SAFER JOURNEY FOR GREAT ALPINE ROAD USERS

The Andrews Labor Government has made journeys safer for motorists travelling along the Great Alpine Road in Gippsland following the delivery of important landslip prevention works.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll today announced that critical works completed this month will improve safety at three notorious landslip locations following a \$4.3 million Labor Government investment.

Part of a \$32.8 million statewide Landslip Prevention Program, the works focused on detailed geotechnical investigations, with crews delivering a huge program of works at Namestone Point, Wiseleigh, and Snakes Back along the Great Alpine Road.

Specialist contractors delivered a range of works at Namestone Point including rock netting and stabilisation work through rock anchoring and bolts. The project will help improve safety and prevent further rock slips resulting in road and lane closures for motorists.

Earlier this year, remedial works were completed at Snakes Back near Tambo Crossing to prevent landslips and rock falls. Works included flattening the existing rock while reconstructing and widening the road and installing flexible safety barriers.

These works complement upgrades completed on the Great Alpine Road at Wiseleigh early last year, including repairing damaged areas of the road, upgrading safety barriers, drainage, and road resurfacing.

Overall, works will help reduce future landslips and rock falls, improve road safety, and help ensure locals can continue to rely on the Great Alpine Road.

The Labor Government is also continuing to improve the Great Alpine Road by completing important maintenance works as part of the 2022/23 regional road maintenance program.

The Victorian and Australian Governments have also funded and previously completed a \$10 million Rural and Regional Roads package to improve safety and efficiency along the Great Alpine Road between Bruthen and Cobungra.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"We know how important the Great Alpine Road is to Gippslanders – connecting communities, encouraging tourism and moving freight – that is why we continue our work to ensure they are safe and reliable."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"The Great Alpine Road is an important route for agriculture, timber, snow goers, and tourism industries across the region. This important landslip prevention work will help safeguard the road and ensure locals who rely on the road can access it open year-round."