

Media Release

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PROTECTING EASTERN VIEW AND THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Coastal protection works to protect the foreshore and Great Ocean Road from further erosion are now complete at Eastern View, thanks to a \$2 million investment by the Andrews Labor Government.

The works included constructing a section of rock revetment at the Devil's Elbow carpark, and rock bag protection for car parks and power poles north to the Memorial Arch.

And we've listened to the local community to make sure the rock revetment includes a naturally vegetated crest to achieve a natural appearance. The rock bags are designed to be removed and reused as required.

The project is a partnership between the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, the Department of Transport and Planning and the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority.

The Victorian Labor Government is building the state's resilience to climate change, and is continually improving how we plan for and adapt to rising sea levels and naturally occurring coastal erosion.

Coasts are dynamic environments impacted by storms that are increasing in severity and frequency. In some locations, this erosion is occurring at a fast rate and is impacting important community assets or infrastructure.

To plan for and mitigate these impacts, authorities work together to develop Coastal Adaptation Plans in line with the Victorian Government's *Marine and Coastal Policy 2020*, identifying short and long-term options to manage the impacts and protect foreshores, Crown land and critical infrastructure from storm surge, wave attack and rising sea levels.

Since 2014, more than \$140 million has been invested into marine and coastal environmental projects to deliver a long-term, strategic approach to build resilience in our marine and coastal areas and adapt Victoria's coastal areas to climate change.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"Coastal erosion is a natural process, but also a complex issue that impacts many parts of our coastline. At Eastern View we've delivered a range of mitigation measures to protect the Great Ocean Road area."

"Thanks to the local community for their input during planning last year and their patience and cooperation as the works were delivered on the beach."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"The Great Ocean Road is one of Australia's most iconic destinations, and protective works like these will make sure locals and tourists can enjoy its wonders for many, many years to come."