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WILSONS PROMONTORY BOARDWALK SET FOR UPGRADE

The Andrews Labor Government is set to upgrade and reopen the popular Sealers Cove boardwalk in Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced a \$4.8 million investment to rebuild the two-kilometre boardwalk after storms damaged the structure in 2021.

The new boardwalk will be made of fibre reinforced plastic, so that it can stand up to the Promontory's wild weather – while giving visitors easier and safer access to the stunning golden beach at Sealers Cove.

The project will cross over an extensive swamp and end just before the cove, which remains a popular campsite amongst hikers.

Built in the 1980s, the boardwalk has been a crucial part of the 11-kilometre hike between Tidal River campground and Sealers Cove.

Planning and design approvals for the project are underway to protect the significant cultural and environmental landscapes of Wilsons Promontory.

The Sealers Cove boardwalk rebuild comes on top of the Labor Government's \$23 million *Wilsons Promontory Revitalisation Project* – creating new accommodation options and trail upgrades. The project is expected to generate 54 jobs and add approximately \$11.22 million to the regional economy.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"I'm delighted to announce that the Sealers Cove boardwalk will be restored – allowing hikers to experience the beautiful trek to the cove once again."

"We are protecting what makes Wilsons Promontory special, while improving the visitor experience for years to come."

"We're investing in the Promontory to further protect our native species and to ensure more people can enjoy this fantastic region."

Quotes attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"This vital upgrade will ensure visitors have better access to the beautiful beach at Sealers Cove."