

# Media Release

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## GRAMPIAN'S ICONIC GRAND CANYON LOOP WALK REOPENS

Visitors to Grampians National Park can get back to exploring the stunning rocky gorge and spectacular views of the Gariwerd cultural landscape along the Grand Canyon Loop Walk, with upgrades to the trail now complete and reopen to the public.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced the completion of the Grand Canyon Staircase rebuild, delivered as part of the Allan Labor Government's \$24.76 million Asset Regeneration Program.

Grampians National Park is part of the Gariwerd Aboriginal cultural landscape and is home to majestic waterfalls, dazzling spring wildflowers, mountain panoramas and native wildlife such as kangaroos, emus, native birds and curious Wallabies.

The new Grand Canyon Staircase allows visitors to safely walk from the top to the bottom of the park's iconic rock formations.

The project was delivered in partnership with Parks Victoria, Envirotechniques, Valley Engineering and Paton Air, with the 3.4 tonne structure transported 280 kilometers from Melbourne to Grampians National Park by truck and placed into the Grand Canyon by helicopter.

The Grand Canyon Staircase upgrade builds on the \$5 million Grampians Peaks Trail Trailheads project to revitalise access points spread along the trail – including improved carparking, landscaping and visitor and interpretive information about the cultural and environmental values of the area.

The spectacular MacKenzie Falls precinct will also be restored, with a \$7.76 million project underway to make a range of improvements to the area.

For more information on the Asset Regeneration Program which is helping to keep parks across the state safe, visit [parks.vic.gov.au/projects/statewide-projects/asset-regeneration-program](https://parks.vic.gov.au/projects/statewide-projects/asset-regeneration-program).

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos**

*"Grampians National Park offers visitors a range of walks and stunning views. Upgrades to the Grand Canyon Loop Walk will reopen the scenic trail to the public, encouraging more people to come and enjoy the region."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jacinta Ermacora**

*"The Asset Regeneration Program reflects the Labor Government's investment in and commitment to ensuring natural and built environments across the state are preserved, protected and safe for all to visit."*