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BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO MCCRAE LANDSLIDE EXTENDED

The Allan Labor Government is extending the final reporting date for the Board of Inquiry into the McCrae landslide to gather more expert evidence to get to the bottom of what happened and get answers for McCrae residents.

The reporting date will be extended to 10 September 2025 to allow the Inquiry to obtain further expert evidence to make findings on the Terms of Reference.

In January, a landslide led to multiple homes being evacuated in McCrae – within the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council area – and a council worker was hospitalised after a house slid down a hill and collided with other homes.

The Inquiry was established on 18 March 2025 to investigate the cause of the landslide. The Inquiry has undertaken work including site visits, public hearings, and extensive engagement with the local community.

Led by Renée Enbom KC, the Inquiry is also investigating measures to prevent similar incidents occurring again.

The Inquiry will now be required to deliver a final report to the Victorian Government by no later than 10 September 2025.

To find out more about the Inquiry, visit mccraeinquiry.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"We thank the board for the substantial amount of work to investigate the cause of the McCrae landslide to date."

"The extension of the Inquiry will ensure residents' voices will continue to be heard and will help identify measures to prevent this from happening again."

Quote attributable to Minister for Local Government Nick Staikos

"The residents of McCrae deserve to have answers on the causes of the landslide, that's why we're extending the inquiry so we will be able to determine a more complete picture and get to the bottom of what happened."

Quotes attributable to Chair Renée Enbom KC

"The additional time enables geotechnical engineers and other experts to undertake further analysis in relation to the cause of the landslide and any measures required to prevent or mitigate the risk of a further event occurring. It was important that the term of the Inquiry be extended to allow this work to be undertaken."

"I thank McCrae residents and the many others for their ongoing assistance."