

Media Release

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A REVAMPED WELCOME TO WILSONS PROMONTORY

The Andrews Labor Government's new and improved visitor experience at Wilsons Promontory is another step closer with a contractor now appointed to design the upgraded visitor precinct and accommodation hub.

Eplus Architecture has been appointed as principal consultant on the \$23 million Wilsons Prom Revitalisation project, which will rejuvenate the information centre and its connections with surrounding visitor spaces and facilities.

The upgrade includes Tidal River, which is home to the park's roofed accommodation, campground, toilets and amenities, café, general store and other facilities

The funding will also deliver new walking experiences, including a Telegraph Saddle trail to connect Tidal River and Mount Oberon, and an upgrade of the Wildlife Circuit.

Parks Victoria will be engaging with Traditional Owners and specialist consultants throughout the project to ensure Aboriginal cultural heritage and environmental values are protected.

Wilson's Promontory is one of Parks Victoria's most popular sites, with visitor numbers rebounding to pre-pandemic levels, with an estimated 197,700 visits in summer, up from 178,353 during summer 2020-19.

The national park also plays a critical role in protecting our native biodiversity and will soon be Australia's largest and best-protected nature haven. These new upgrades will allow visitors to experience national park's unique coastal landscape without impacting conservation.

Works will be delivered during 2023 and 2024, with the project expected to generate 54 jobs and bring over \$11 million into the regional economy.

This project is being funded as part of the \$633 million Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform Plan.

For further information visit: parks.vic.gov.au/projects

Quotes attributable Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"Considered and well-designed park facilities are essential to allowing people to connect with our incredible natural places in a sustainable way."

"Wilson's Promontory is a haven for our treasured native wildlife, and this project will ensure visitors can continue to visit for many generations to come."

Quote attributable to Minister for Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"We're supporting the upgrade of regional destinations across the state, attracting visitors from near and far while delivering more jobs and filling hotels, restaurants and bars throughout Victoria."