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Coalition delivers major upgrade at Mornington Pier

Mornington Pier is set to undergo a major reconstruction with Minister for Ports Denis Napthine joining member for Mornington David Morris at Schnapper Point to make the multi-million dollar announcement today.

Dr Napthine said the project would see the full reconstruction of the 75 metre outer section of pier and the installation of new wave screens along the pier's full 123 metre length to provide further protection for boaters.

"I am pleased to announce the funding for this much needed project which, when complete, will allow the outer section of pier to be reopened and enhance recreational boating opportunities and tourism in the area," Dr Napthine said.

"The Victorian Coalition Government included \$23 million in the recent State Budget for critical local port infrastructure upgrades and it is fitting that Mornington Pier is the first project to benefit from this fund.

"We understand that it is important to restore access to the outer section of the Mornington Pier and provide better protection for the current berths and moorings at Mornington Harbour," Dr Napthine said.

Mr Morris said the project was great news for Mornington and would have wide-ranging benefits for the local community.

"Mornington Pier is a much loved local asset, attracting 2 million visitors every year. This is a vital piece of infrastructure not only for the local users, but also for the local economy and tourism sector," Mr Morris said.

"Whether fishing, boating or just taking a stroll, locals and visitors alike flock to Mornington Pier year round. The reconstruction of the outer pier, and the installation of wave screens along the full length will improve conditions for pier users and boaties alike."

"The Coalition Government has recognised the importance of the Mornington Pier and I am pleased to help deliver this commitment for the town."

Dr Napthine said the \$23 million Local Ports Critical Infrastructure Fund demonstrated the Coalition Government's commitment invest in local port facilities

"Victoria's local ports are an important part of the state economy generating more than \$550 million every year through tourism, commercial fishing and recreational boating," Dr Napthine said

The total cost of the Mornington Pier reconstruction will be determined through a competitive tender process.

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