

# Media Release

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## Works commence on geotextile container wall

Works will soon be commencing to install a geotextile container wall along the Surf Live Saving Club (SLSC) area of the Inverloch foreshore to help protect this section from the impacts of erosion.

A 70-metre long wall will be constructed from approximately 270 specialised sand-filled geotextile containers to help protect the SLSC from further impacts of wave erosion.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Acting Regional Manager Gippsland, Land and Built Environment Programs Jeremy Neilson, said: “These works are an additional method of erosion control that will complement the trial wet-sand fencing that is already in place.

“It is hoped that the wall will be completed by March 2020, weather conditions permitting, and we will continue to actively monitor the area,” Mr Neilson said.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, said “It is great to see these critical emergency works getting underway.”

“We will continue to work with the community and other agencies to develop longer-term solutions to the erosion issues along the Inverloch foreshore.”

Beach access will be maintained at all times during construction. Trucks will transport sand from Point Norman to the work site to fill the sand bags and rock via Flat Rocks to build a works platform.

The multi-agency Inverloch Coastal Protection Working Group continues to investigate immediate and short-term options for the wider Inverloch area, including erosion at the Bunurong Road area nearby Surf Parade.

The Victorian Government has provided \$450,000 in funding to complete these works, that are being undertaken by Victorian company, Maw Civil Marine Pty. Ltd.

For further information regarding coastal protection works at Inverloch, please contact DELWP on 03 5172 0600.

**Photo:** Example of a sand filled geotextile container wall at Aspendale Beach, Victoria.

