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NEW STREAMLINED APPROACH RECOMMENDED TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF KANANOOK CREEK

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to protect Kananook Creek from inappropriate development and improve management of the site.

Today, Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP, and Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP, endorsed the recommendations of the Kananook Creek Ministerial Advisory Committee for a new, improved management process.

The two-year investigation included community consultation and focused on how to streamline the management of Kananook Creek.

The waterway, in Melbourne's South Eastern suburbs near Frankston, is managed by several different bodies including Frankston City Council, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP).

The committee found that consolidating management responsibility under one body would help increase the effectiveness of management activities. It also recommended that the new coordinated committee of management approach be led by Frankston Council.

The Andrews Government has already provided \$23,000 to support the ongoing improvement of Kananook Creek and its environs.

DELWP will work closely with Frankston Council and the community to help transition to the new management approach and ensure the protection of Frankston's important marine and coastal environment.

Quotes attributable to Member for Carrum, Sonya Kilkenny MP

"The government accepting the expert panel's recommendations is a big step forward for the community and Kananook Creek. The panel thoroughly reviewed current land and waterway management structures and concluded that a Committee of Management approach, led by Frankston Council will improve environmental outcomes."

"The proposed new coordinated management approach delivers on our election commitment to protect the health and community value of Kananook Creek in the long term and we are working with Council to start the implementation process."

Quotes attributable to Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke MP

"Kananook creek is used for a range of activities and maintaining its health is crucial to the local residents and to habitat and species that live in Frankston's wonderful coastal environment. We look forward to working with Frankston City Council to discuss the next steps from here."