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Dear Robert McDonald

Thank you for your letter of 4 March 2025 regarding the petition presented to the Legislative Council on 4 March 2025 by Melina Bath, Member for the Eastern Victoria Region. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge the community's concerns regarding coastal erosion issues at Silverleaves. The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) has been working proactively with the Bass Coast Shire since concerns were raised in mid-2023.

On 19 March 2025, I was pleased to announce a \$15 million investment to address coastal erosion, safety risks and access issues along Victoria's coasts for works including dune protection, sand renourishment, repairs to stairs, walking trails, boardwalks and access ramps, and restoration of damaged seawalls and damaged piers.

Delivery of such critical works will ensure Victorians can continue to enjoy access to Bass Coast's beautiful beaches and coastline.

DEECA is working closely with the Bass Coast Shire to ensure delivery of emergency works at Silverleaves to construct a rock bag revetment by Easter 2025 to protect the dunes from further erosion, protect against inland flooding and maintain public access to the beach. The revetment is a temporary management strategy whilst an appropriate longer term adaptation strategy is developed with community.

Yours sincerely

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