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Fast-track Twelve Apostles Trail Funding, says Grimley

Stuart Grimley MP has pushed for funding of the Twelve Apostles Trail to be fast-tracked as part of the region's recovery from COVID-19.

Speaking in Parliament this week, Mr Grimley has echoed the Corangamite Shire Council in asking the Government to commit to funding "for a dedicated Twelve Apostles trail to help rehabilitate tourism within the region".

Mr Grimley is keen to see the works done in preparation of further welcoming tourists back to the area, especially international tourists eventually.

The Twelve Apostles Trail will connect the hinterland to the coast and increase the yield the local shops will see as a result of the connection. The \$6.5m project already has a \$1.7m commitment from Corangamite Shire Council but will require the difference from the State and/or Federal Government.

This has come in response to the State Government calling on the community to recommend "shovel-ready" projects to stimulate the economy and keep people in jobs.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"If the State Government want to get started on some 'shovel-ready' projects, well here is a great one.

The Corangamite Shire have put in a lot of work to get the Twelve Apostles Trail project ready but I've asked the State Government to come to the party with the remaining funds.

In the wake of international travel bans, tourism infrastructure such as a heritage trail, are going to be key in bringing people back to the region and stimulating jobs.

There's no better time to begin construction; no international visitors will be interrupted and the local construction industry can actually occupy vacant accommodation."

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