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Commitment to Flinders Island Safe Harbour funding welcomed

The Safe Harbour project on Flinders Island is set to progress after Labor responded to pressure from Federal Member for Bass Bridget Archer to uphold a funding commitment secured earlier this year.

“After obtaining funding for the Safe Harbour project in the 2019 federal election, I continued to work very closely with the Council and the community to ensure the project could progress,” Mrs Archer said.

“In the March Budget, I was successful in securing more than \$600,000 in additional funds through the Community Development Grants, providing the Council and the Community with the certainty needed to begin the project later this year.

“After months of delay and inaction by the current Federal Government, I called on the Minister Catherine King in August to reassure the Flinders Island Council and the island community the funding I secured would not be taken away.

“As a regular visitor to Flinders Island, I know how important this project is to the region and am thrilled the Federal Government has responded to my ongoing advocacy by finally committing to the funding.

“I am concerned about the increased costs the delay has caused and am disappointed that unnecessary stress was placed on the Council and the community as Labor stalled on committing to Safe Harbour but look forward to the project getting one step closer to fruition.”

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