

\$24 MILLION FOR COASTS, BLACK BALLOONS, ADAPTATION

Future Coasts

The Brumby Government's critical **Future Coasts** project has received **\$8 million** in the 2008-09 State Budget.

The Future Coasts project involves laser imaging and digital modelling to develop a high resolution 3D representation of the land, 10 metres above and 10 metres below sea level.

The project will increase our understanding of how climate change will impact on the State's coastline.

The information will be used for future planning, preparation and erosion management.

Coastal Asset Management

\$1.8 million has been allocated for **coastal asset management**.

This work includes the development of an inventory and GIS database of vulnerable public coastal assets using the Future Coasts material.

Research Centre for Climate Change Adaptation

A world class Research Centre for Climate Change Adaptation will be established with **\$5 million** allocated over the next five years in partnership with major Victorian universities and institutions.

The Centre will capitalise on Victoria's strengths in climate change research and advise government on emerging issues.

Support for low income families

\$4.1 million has been allocated to assist low income families to retrofit their homes. Around 2600 families in private housing and 500 public housing tenants will benefit from the funding. It will help cut greenhouse gas emissions and save low income families by up to \$118 a year.

You have the power, Save Energy campaign (Black Balloons)

Victoria's popular energy savings campaign, better known as black balloons, will continue for its third year with a **\$5 million** allocation.

This program has helped Victorians understand the impact of energy consumption in the home. The campaign will now build on this awareness and encourage Victorians to make real changes in their lives to cut energy use.