

The Minister's Piles



Help us Save Flinders Pier - Again

The Minister's Piles – Fact 1



The 12 piles you see here are where the re-built, Heritage Listed **Flinders Pier** should be standing

Instead, the pier was **demolished** and plans to re-build it were shelved

Victoria's Minister for Ports, **Melissa Horne** first tried to get rid of the timber pier in 2020

She finally succeeded in 2026 by **refusing** to deliver the **promised** funding to re-build the historic pier



The Minister's Piles – Fact 2



Back in 2021, nearly **45,000 Victorians** called for the pier to be saved

Sir David Attenborough became involved

Heritage Victoria listed the pier for its significance to maritime history

The Commonwealth Government even made a **YouTube** video of the campaign for its **Australian Values** series

Minister Horne ignored them all, while spending **\$12m** on the Altona Pier in **her own electorate**



The Minister's Piles – Fact 3



Eventually **\$1.53m** was set aside in the State Budget

Then in 2025, the Minister announced that Flinders Pier would be part of an **\$18m** investment in piers

Completion was scheduled for **mid 2026**

But two months before completion, Ms Horne **stopped the funding**

She said the **already demolished** timber pier was worse than expected. She didn't mention the **termite infestation** report by Parks Victoria in 2022



The Minister's Piles – Fact 4



We hear about the ‘Big Build’, but spare a thought for the State’s **Little Builds**

Re-building the Heritage listed **Flinders Pier** was one of those Little Builds

Why didn’t the Minister release some of the \$18m funding she **promised** in November 2025?

Where did the **\$18m** go?

No-one has been able to get any answers



The Minister's Piles – Fact 5



When we seek **clarification** from the Minister, her replies **never answer** our questions

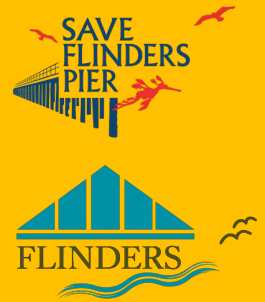
She has **ignored** her **statutory obligations** under the **Heritage Act**

Even **journalists** are stone-walled and fed carefully worded statements that don't say anything at all

No-one has been able to speak to her directly



The Minister's Piles – Fact 6



We're not clear about **why** Minister Horne doesn't want the historic Flinders Pier re-built

There was **\$18 million** available for pier repairs in **November 2025** according to her Media Release. Where did it go?

This pier only needed **\$2m to finish**

Yet, here we are

12 lonely piles; promised money that seems to have **vanished**; Heritage protection **ignored**; and a Minister without answers





In Minister Horne's own Words

Media Release – 21 July 2020

The Better Piers and Waterside Facilities program includes the **demolition of the inner section of the old Flinders Pier**

Media Release – 24 November 2025

The Allan Labor Government has **started construction** on **Flinders Pier**, the **iconic** landmark As part of the Labor Government's **\$18m investment** to restore some of the state's most **historic piers**.

Letter to Community – 18 June 2026

.... it will not be possible to rebuild the full length of the inner timber section.

Minister, it's time to finish what you started