HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROPOSED CHIPPING NORTON LAKES STATE PARK

Residents are encouraged to have their say on the future management of a proposed new State Park in southwestern Sydney.

The NSW Government, in partnership with Fairfield and Liverpool Councils and the Chipping Norton Lakes Authority, is preparing to create a new state park at Chipping Norton.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly said that a plan of management, master plan and business plan are being prepared to guide the future management of the proposed state park and these plans will consider a range of issues.

“The views of people who use the lakes and foreshore or would like to use the lakes and parklands, will form an important part of any future management plan,” the Minister said.

“The Keneally Government is committed to conserving valuable Crown lands and encouraging recreation and tourism.

Local MP Alison Megarrity welcomed the Government’s commitment to the creation of a Chipping Norton Lakes state park and also encouraged residents to have their say at the ‘open house’ forums to be held next month (please see details below).

“It is important that local community let us know how they think the park can be best used,” Ms Megarrity said.

“I am looking forward to joining the Minister for his formal announcement of the state’s newest state park when the draft Plan of Management is ready for formal comment later this year,” she said.

Fairfield City Mayor, Nick Lalich, said Council is also looking forward to working with the Government on the development of the new state park.

“I am hopeful by creating the state park there will be a focus on improving water quality which over time will help thousands of residents to access the lakes for swimming, fishing and boating,” Cr Lalich said.

Liverpool City Mayor, Wendy Waller, said the proposed new state park will enhance accessibility to this recreational site for residents of Liverpool and the wider community.

“This process gives local people a great chance to say what they would like to see happen to the reserve,” Cr Waller said.

Planning for People, the consultants engaged to prepare the Plan of Management, master plan and business plan, will be holding open houses where people can talk informally about the future plans for the state park.

These sessions will be held at The Lakes Boatshed, Angle Park, Homestead Avenue, Chipping Norton on 5 July and Club Italia in Hollywood Drive, Lansvale, on 6 July between 4pm and 7.30pm, with a facilitated workshop each day at 6pm.

A field day will also be held on 16 July where people can look at the concepts for the park and give feedback to the planning team.