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BURRENDONG ARBORETUM UPGRADE

Burrendong Arboretum will be upgraded thanks to a NSW Government grant.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced he has allocated $22,000 from the Public Reserves Management Fund so the work can be carried out.

“The Burrendong Arboretum Trust wrote to me after an engineering inspection revealed permanent work should be undertaken to ensure the Fern Gully tree canopy structure is safe,” the Minister said.

“The inspection also showed the anchor post requires strengthening following slippage.”

Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum was established in 1964 and covers approximately 167 hectares.

It is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of Australia’s unique and diverse flora.

Country Labor MLC, Amanda Fazio, said this funding allocation is another example of the Keneally Government making a commitment to ensuring Crown parks and reserves are available for community use, and funds are available for ongoing management, maintenance and upgrading.

“This funding is part of the $13.9 million Public Reserves Management Fund administered by the Land and Property Management Authority,” Ms Fazio said.