MINISTER ANNOUNCES $160,500 FUNDING FOR COPETON WATERS STATE PARK

NSW State Plan Priority E8: More people using parks, sporting and recreational facilities, and participating in the arts and cultural activity

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced NSW Government funding of $1.5 million to boost operational and equipment needs at eight major state parks.

“I am pleased to announce that Copeton Waters State Park near Inverell has been allocated a total of $160,500 this year,” Mr Kelly said.

“Funding for operational costs at Copeton Waters is $130,000 and funding for plant and equipment is $30,500 for a 4-wheel drive vehicle and a 2-way radio system.

“The Rees Government is committed to protecting our natural environment while also providing a boost to regional economies and ensuring our parks and reserves can earn sustainable income to carry out vital enhancements,” Mr Kelly said.

“Our state parks are becoming some of the premier tourist attractions in NSW.

“They provide outlets for fun and affordable activities such as picnics, BBQs, camping, swimming, water sports and bush walks, in serene and tranquil locations.

“Most parks offer low-cost accommodation and are ideal for family holidays,” Mr Kelly said.

“The parks are managed by community trust boards under the guidance of the Department of Lands – a partnership that aims to manage NSW Crown land sustainably for balanced economic, social and environmental outcomes.

“State parks provide the community with access to some of the most beautiful and pristine locations in Australia, while also protecting important conservation areas and endangered habitats for future generations,” Mr Kelly said.

The State Parks web site at www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au provides information on the parks to help people plan their visits.

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