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PERMANENT PUBLIC RESERVE PROPOSED FOR NORTH BALGOWLAH

Plans have been announced today to create a permanent public reserve at North Balgowlah.

Land for the proposed reserve, bordered by Serpentine Crescent, Brook Road, Bangaroo Street and nearby creek, was originally acquired by the Office of Strategic Lands for the construction of the Warringah Transport Corridor, but when that plan was abandoned, the land was rezoned residential for sale.

NSW Minister for Planning and Lands, Tony Kelly, said just over 70 per cent of the 12,470 square metre site is now being proposed for a permanent public reserve for local residents and visitors to enjoy.

“A total of 8,752 square metres of bushland will also be permanently protected,” the Minister said.

“The Office of Strategic Lands will work with Warringah Council to rezone this area from residential to open space.

“The remaining residential zoned land of 3,718 square metres will be sold, as one parcel, at public auction which will be advertised early next month.

“Residents living in Serpentine Crescent will be sent a leaflet which explains the proposal and shows the area of land involved.

“It is important the local community has the opportunity to ask questions about the plan.”

(Anyone with any questions should call Michael Dyers or Stephen Dewick at the Office of Strategic Lands on 9685 4907 or 9685 4905).