MINISTER ANNOUNCES $1.5 MILLION FUNDING FOR STATE PARKS

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 a major boost to NSW Government funding for eight major state parks.

Mr Kelly said an additional $1.5 million has been allocated for operational costs and plant and equipment expenditure for the eight parks.

“Our state parks are among the premier tourist attractions in NSW and the Rees Government is committed to protecting our natural environment,” Mr Kelly said.

“This investment in our state parks provides a boost to regional economies and ensures our parks can earn a sustainable income to carry out vital enhancements.”

The major funding for state parks’ operational costs are:

- Lake Glenbawn $123,000
- Burrinjuck Waters $62,000
- Copeton Waters $130,000
- Lake Keepit $179,000
- Lake Burrendong $127,000
- Grabine Lakeside $165,000
- Wyangala Waters $148,000
- Killalea $242,000

Mr Kelly said state parks offer access to some of the most beautiful and pristine locations in NSW, while protecting important conservation areas and endangered habitats for future generations.

“State parks provide outlets for fun and affordable recreational activities such as picnics, barbecues, camping, swimming, water sports and bush walks, in serene and tranquil locations,” Mr Kelly said.

“Many upcoming park events such as the 9th Annual Grabine Classic Freshwater Fishing Tournament and the Grabine Country Muster in early December will attract visitors to regional NSW in time for the summer holidays.

The parks are managed by community trust boards under the guidance of the Department of Lands.

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

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