Member for Monaro Steve Whan has today announced funding for the Numeralla East Soil Conservation Project in the Murrumbidgee Catchment, east of Cooma.

“A total of $85,000 has been allocated by the Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly,” Mr Whan said.

“This is an important local project and I welcome the funding from the Minister.

“The Numeralla East Project will involve the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority, local government, community groups, industry and landholders in addressing land degradation issues in the catchment.

“Section 10 soil conservation projects have traditionally been an important part of catchment-based programs aimed at addressing land degradation issues in general and soil conservation in particular.

“These projects address land degradation issues that extend beyond individual property boundaries and have wider community implications, and co-ordinate land management practices and works between adjoining landholders.

“They also demonstrate techniques that will encourage landholders and the community generally to incorporate soil and water conservation practices into normal land management.

“They aim to rehabilitate degraded land and prevent further degradation through the implementation of catchment works and the adoption of sustainable land management practices.”