



New South Wales Government

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## **FUNDING FOR NEWCASTLE COASTAL RESERVES PROJECT**

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced the allocation of \$300,000 to progress the Newcastle Beaches Coastal Reserve project.

“In December 2008 I signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Newcastle City Council, Hunter Surf Life Saving Incorporated and Newcastle’s six surf clubs, committing all parties to a cooperative and integrated approach to the planning and development of the city’s beaches.”

“I am now pleased to advise the Department of Lands has allocated \$150,000 to match \$150,000 allocated by Newcastle City Council to progress this fantastic project.”

Member for Newcastle, Jodi McKay welcomed the funding as another significant milestone for the city of Newcastle.

“This project will set the foundation for the future management and revitalisation of Newcastle’s iconic beaches, from Stockton in the north, to Merewether in the south,” Ms McKay said.

“The Newcastle Beaches Coastal Reserve project complements the overall planning framework for the city and will enable improvement and development of public infrastructure along the coastline.”

Ms McKay said improvements could include anything from cycleways and promenades to upgrading of amenities and picnic areas, and will ensure the coastline is the crowning glory of the city.

Mr Kelly said the draft plan will be exhibited early in 2010 to allow for full public consultation.

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