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REVITALISATION OF HERITAGE BUILDING ON GRAFTON RIVERFRONT MOVES FORWARD

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced that the renovation of the former police inspector's residence in Grafton is moving ahead.

"I am pleased to advise that a new trustee, North Coast Accommodation Trust (NCAT), has been appointed and will restore the building at 1 Duke Street," Mr Kelly said.

"This is a strategically important Crown reserve for the town as it has the potential to become a key feature of the waterfront area that can be enjoyed by both the local community and visitors.

"The Land and Property Management Authority (formerly Department of Lands) has been working with the former trust manager, Clarence Valley Council, on the new arrangements.

"NCAT runs a variety of accommodation facilities on the north coast on behalf of the State and has significant experience in the refurbishment of historical premises. It recently completed the restoration of the Pilot Cottages in Yamba.

"NCAT is currently developing plans for the building's restoration and will be seeking a commercial tenant for the building.

"All restoration works will be consistent with the heritage of the building. There may also be some potential for the works to be tailored to suit the requirements of a tenant.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure this heritage building is available for the enjoyment of current and future generations," Mr Kelly said.

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