

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**The Hon Tony Kelly MLC**

**Minister for Lands**

**Leader of the House in the Legislative Council**

**Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council**



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## **New Administrator for Lake Burrendong parks**

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced the appointment of Mr Peter Houghton as Administrator for both Lake Burrendong State Park and Cudgegong River Park.

Mr Kelly said the appointment of Mr Houghton would establish a single point of contact for both parks by bringing them under the one administrator.

“Mr Peter Houghton has a very strong background in management and development of parks as part of his responsibilities administering over 260 caravan parks and camping grounds on Crown land for the Land and Property Management Authority,” Mr Kelly said.

“He also has an Executive Masters in Public Administration and over 30 years experience in land and natural resource management.

Mr Kelly praised Barry Brebner for his conscientious work during his time as administrator of the Lake Burrendong State Park.

“Barry has worked tirelessly to address a number of difficult onsite issues, including relocating the VRA to their Head Quarters, finalizing a lessee for the kiosk, installing a new cabin for the manager and licensing events,” Mr Kelly said.

“I am also extremely grateful that he is going to continue to contribute to the development of the park in a voluntary capacity.

Mr Kelly also paid tribute to Mr Lynch’s work at Cudgegong River Park over the past four years.

Mr Kelly said Mr Houghton will continue his predecessor’s close association with Wellington Council to resolve any development and licensing issues.

“I want to thank Mayor Anne Jones, General Manager Allan Dive and their staff for their support in moving forward on the issues facing Lake Burrendong recreational area,” Mr Kelly said.

“Having a single point of contact will streamline the resolution of any challenges facing the recreational areas surrounding Lake Burrendong.”

“I look forward to sitting down with Mr Houghton and Wellington council in the near future and discussing ways we can re-invigorate the recreational activities of this splendid natural resource.

“The parks on Lake Burrendong make a significant contribution to the local economy and the resolution of these administrative issues will place them in a much better position to fully realise their tourism and recreational potential.”

Mr Kelly said that the Lake Burrendong State Park and Cudgegong River Park will continue to be managed as separate entities

“I can see there might be a time in the future when all three sites on Lake Burrendong – Mookerawa Waters, Burrendong and Cudgegong River - will be fully merged.

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