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RESTORING VITAL WATERWAYS ACROSS NSW

The NSW Government will provide \$1 million in funding to undertake work to improve boating safety, environmental and tourism outcomes at key waterways across the State, Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water Kevin Humphries and Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay announced today.

Mr Humphries said applications for funding under the third round of the Rescuing our Waterways program for coastal dredging projects are now open.

“Waterways are the lifeblood of many communities across the State and the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is pleased to be able to provide additional funding for vital dredging projects,” Mr Humphries said.

“Rescuing our Waterways is a key part of the Government’s Sustainable Dredging Strategy and provides a coordinated approach to improve the accessibility and health of our waterways.

“Communities up and down the NSW coastline have benefited substantially from the first two rounds of the program, with \$3 million allocated to dredging projects at Wallis Lake, Lake Cathie, the Myall River, Shoalhaven, Eurobodella, Wyong, Greater Taree and Coffs Harbour.”

Mr Gay said the funding is provided under Transport for NSW’s Waterways Fund on the basis that participating councils will match the Government dollar for dollar.

“The Government will provide up to 50 per cent towards the actual costs of each project under phase three, with local councils providing the remaining funds or in partnership with local stakeholders,” Mr Gay said.

“Councils will be asked to confirm project proposals, including financial contributions, and take charge of all aspects of project planning and execution.

“Local stakeholders, including local businesses, or chambers of commerce and commercial operators or boating clubs, are also invited to apply for funding.

“Priority will be given to applications that address the assessment criteria and are compatible with estuary management planning processes.”

Full details are available at www.crownland.nsw.gov.au and applications must be received by Monday 15 December, 2014.

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