



**The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP**  
**Deputy Premier of NSW**  
**Minister for Trade and Investment**  
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**\$810,000 FOR BUSHFIRE HAZARD REDUCTION STATEWIDE**

Acting Premier Andrew Stoner today announced \$810,000 in NSW Government grants for bushfire hazard reduction and fire trail maintenance on Crown reserves across the state.

Mr Stoner said the Government made the funding available under the Public Reserve Management Fund (PRMF) to support bushfire management.

“I recently announced a record \$23.6 million in spending across all reserve types under the PRMF,” Mr Stoner said.

“Over 40 grants totalling \$410,000 will be used for mechanical hazard reduction and maintenance of fire trails on Crown reserves from Helensburgh on the South Coast through to Sydney, the Mid North Coast, the North West around the Armidale region and at Coffs Harbour and other locations on the North Coast.

“Another \$400,000 is for fire trail maintenance on reserves managed by the Crown Lands division, which will manage the selection of priority areas for this work.

“This funding has come at a crucial time as we move into another summer bushfire season – and follows in the wake of the devastating NSW bushfires in October.

“Bushfire hazard reduction and trail maintenance is a vital, ongoing part of the Government’s commitment to the safety of communities across the state.

“The NSW Government has increased funding from the PRMF towards bushfire management projects on Crown reserves as it is such an important exercise.”