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NARRANDERA'S KOALA HABITAT AFFORDED BETTER PROTECTION

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson and Member for Murrumbidgee, Adrian Piccoli today announced further protection for an important koala habitat in the Narrandera district.

“A Plan of Management for the Narrandera Flora and Fauna Reserve is now in place to provide protection for the koala habitat by safeguarding the area’s ecological and environmental resources,” Katrina Hodgkinson said.

“The Plan will manage the reserve’s cultural heritage values and endeavour to maintain a balance in how the land is used by improving its tourist assets so that it can be enjoyed by the community for many years to come.

“It is anticipated that future development of the reserve will include opportunities to expand and improve habitat values to sustain a long term viable koala population.

“This is a great example of how the NSW Government is investing in the future of regional communities and encouraging more sustainable public use of Crown reserves for recreational and historical preservation.”

Mr Piccoli said the plan has been adopted following a public exhibition period that called for comments from the community.

“The reserve is valued by many members of the community and also a great tourist attraction for many visitors to the area who stop by for koala spotting, bird watching, bush walking, river recreation and camping,” Mr Piccoli said.

“This is an important win for the local community as the koala habitat is of key significance to the reserve and it has housed a stable koala population over the past 40 years.”

Ms Hodgkinson said the Plan of Management will be administered by Narrandera Shire Council.

This Plan of Management can be viewed online at www.crownland.nsw.gov.au.

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