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NEW FUTURE FOR NARRABEEN LAGOON

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner today announced the establishment of a State Park at the Narrabeen Lagoon in Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Mr Stoner made the announcement with the support of three local Members of Parliament, Pittwater MP Rob Stokes, Wakehurst MP Brad Hazzard and Davidson MP Jonathan O'Dea, whose electorates take in and border the popular lagoon.

Mr Stoner said the creation of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park reflected the significance of the lagoon and surrounding public lands to the people of NSW.

"Narrabeen Lagoon State Park will encompass the largest of four coastal lagoons in the Warringah Local Government Area and the majority of Crown Land within the catchment," Mr Stoner said.

"Narrabeen Lagoon is a precious asset that affords a range of recreational, tourist and sporting activities all within a unique environment less than 30 kilometres from the Sydney CBD.

"The establishment of the State Park fulfils a commitment made by our local MPs who, on behalf of their communities, have shown great support for protecting and preserving Narrabeen Lagoon."

Mr Stokes, whose Pittwater electorate contains the lagoon, said: "The establishment of the State Park is recognition of the area's important public recreation, tourism and environmental qualities."

"I'm delighted the Government has responded to the wishes of our community and is delivering on this proposal," Mr Stokes said.

"Narrabeen Lagoon is an invaluable natural asset and we must ensure it's available for future generations to enjoy."

Mr Hazzard said: "This has been a battle worth having. This State Park will ensure the natural, tourism and recreational values of the lagoon and its catchment are nurtured and protected."

"The Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon and the local community have worked tirelessly to achieve this," Mr Hazzard said.

Mr O'Dea said: "It should be a big step towards a more holistic framework to manage the patchwork of reserves around the lagoon and better meet future funding needs."

Mr Stoner said an Advisory Committee had also been established to help steer the management and direction of the new State Park.

The advisory committee will comprise:

- Chairman, appointed by the Deputy Premier
- Representative of Trade & Investment, Crown Lands
- Representative of the General Manager, Warringah Council
- Recreational User group
- Community Representative
- Representative of the Chair Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Representative of NSW Fisheries
- Representative of the Office of Environment and Heritage (National Parks)

"The committee will examine management issues and opportunities, funding needs and the potential for activities within a sensitive natural environment," Mr Stoner said.

"This is a great start, and I wish the committee well in their work to ensure Narrabeen Lagoon State Park continues to provide for the community now and into the future."

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