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Environment Minister opens Dharawal National Park

National Parks Association of NSW CEO, Kevin Evans, welcomed today's opening of the Dharawal National Park by the Hon. Robyn Parker, Minister for the Environment.

"Dharawal is an important network of pristine creeks and upland swamps, significant in protecting the headwaters of the Georges River and the biodiversity of the southern Sydney region. Creating these all-important connecting corridors is vital to making our national park estate resilient," said Mr. Evans.

"This dedication will ensure this beautiful area will be given the strongest possible protection, a goal NPA's Macarthur Branch has campaigned to achieve for over three decades," he said.

"The O'Farrell government is to be congratulated for ensuring that their pre-election commitment has been completed within their first year in office. The Dharawal National Park is a very positive outcome, achieved after complex negotiations by a whole range of people from OEH including the Reserve and Wildlife Policy team, regional and legal staff. Together they have resolved many challenging problems in achieving this outstanding result," Mr. Evans said.

"NPA is keen to see further investment in this new national park to ensure a high standard of biodiversity protection and visitor experience", he said.

NPA encourages the NSW government to continue to invest in building the NSW national park estate to protect our natural environment for future generations. We look forward to working cooperatively with the O'Farrell Government to achieve further important environmental gains in the years ahead.

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