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MINNAMURRA RIVER ESTUARY TO BENEFIT FROM $65,000

Environment Minister Robyn Parker today visited Minnamurra River Estuary with Kiama MP, Gareth Ward to formally present a $40,000 grant which will be used to review and plan for the future of this waterway.

The Kiama electorate had received a total of $65,000 for two projects that will manage, enhance and protect the local estuaries and coastline.

Mr Ward said Kiama Municipal Council would receive $40,000 for a project to review the Minnamurra Estuary Management Plan which was adopted in 1995 and last reviewed in 2003.

"Council has implemented most actions in the Minnamurra River Estuary Management Plan and now this plan will be reviewed in light of new knowledge and government policies," Mr Ward said.

"Neighbouring Shoalhaven City Council will also receive a grant of $25,000 to undertake a city-wide stormwater erosion impact assessment and develop a priority remediation plan for future funding consideration.

Ms Parker said the NSW government has contributed a total of around $3.7 million for some 58 projects in this round.

"The Office of Environment and Heritage helps councils improve the health of estuaries and manage coastal development and infrastructure to reduce potential impacts such as beach erosion, and to restore degraded coastal habitats."

Ms Parker said in addition to these 58 new projects, the NSW Government has allocated $3.3 million for numerous ongoing projects under the two programs and a further $500,000 to advance future stages of projects and those in high or extreme coastal hazard areas.

The NSW Government's contribution will be matched by local government.

"Protecting and enhancing the NSW environment is a task for everyone – governments at all levels as well as the community," Ms Parker said.

"The NSW Government is pleased to support local government to protect the valuable coasts and estuaries of NSW."