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CASTLEREAGH COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS – APPLICATIONS OPEN

Environment Minister Robyn Parker was today joined by Penrith MP Stuart Ayres, Londonderry MP Bart Bassett, Hawkesbury MP Ray Williams and Riverstone MP Kevin Conolly in inviting community and not-for-profit groups in the Penrith and Hawkesbury areas to apply for grants of up to $25,000 for projects that benefit the local community.

Ms Parker said the Castlereagh Community (Quarantine) Fund was set up in 1998 for the local community after the closure of the Castlereagh Waste Management Centre at Londonderry.

Londonderry MP Bart Bassett said this is the final round of the program and not-for-profit groups are invited to apply for grants for projects that benefit the local community in the vicinity of the Castlereagh site.

Penrith MP Stuart Ayres said the Castlereagh Community fund is a great opportunity for local groups to receive a helping hand.

Riverstone MP Mr Kevin Conolly said the projects can be for community or environmental projects.

Hawkesbury MP Ray Williams said previous funds have gone to local fire brigades and environmental projects for schools.

Information about the grants and application forms are available by ringing: (02) 8837 6093 or on the web at www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au.

“Applications will be considered by an Assessment Committee made up of community members, local council representatives and a representative from the Office of Environment and Heritage,” Ms Parker said.

Applications close on Friday, 21 February 2014.