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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BARRENJOEY HEADLAND THRIVING AFTER BUSHFIRES**

Environment Minister Rob Stokes today announced more than \$3 million over four years to restore the historic Barrenjoey Lighthouse and revitalise the Barrenjoey Headland heritage precinct.

Mr Stokes inspected the regeneration of Barrenjoey headland, a year after fire tore through bushland and damaged heritage buildings at the National Park site.

“Last Spring, fire burnt 90 per cent of this beautiful headland. This fire was a stark reminder of how much we all value this special place in Sydney,’ Mr Stokes said.

“As we can see the headland has made a remarkable recovery, thanks to the hard work of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the local Barrenjoey Keepers volunteers and the remarkable resilience of our native plants and animals.

“I am pleased to announce the NSW Government’s \$3.3 million investment will fund essential restoration work on Barrenjoey Lighthouse, which was built in 1881 and has stood against the elements for more than 140 years.

“They will restore the sandstone structure, clean away lichen and de-salinate areas of the tower where corrosive salt has built up.

“Funds will also go into internal repairs, safety upgrades, landscaping, bushland restoration and construction of the sandstone flagged access trail and Smuggler’s Track.

“Locals and visitors will notice scaffolding around the lighthouse while stonemasons commence work, which is expected to take around 12 weeks.”

Funding for this financial year will total \$1 million for works at the site.

This follows \$720,000 provided last financial year for works including the conservation of two heritage cottages that originally housed the lighthouse head keeper and assistant. A further \$1.6 million will be provided for further restoration and conservation works on the cottages and other structures over the next two years.

The lighthouse was listed on the State Heritage Register in 1999 and transferred to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2002.