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THREE SISTERS TRACK GETS NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Environment and Heritage Minister Rob Stokes and Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage today announced \$1.5 million in NSW Government funding for restoration works on the Three Sisters walking track.

Mr Stokes said the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service will resurface the path, improve visitor safety and access, and revitalise the site with improved landscaping and visitor information.

"The Three Sisters walking track was constructed in the 1930s and the precinct receives close to 2 million visits per year. It is a truly iconic destination for people across Australia and the world," Mr Stokes said.

"The NSW Government has made a significant investment at this site to ensure many more visitors can enjoy this ancient and spectacular landscape. With this \$1.5 million transformation, the Three Sisters Walking Track will be lifted to the high standards expected of a significant tourist attraction."

Ms Sage said the works would not only improve facilities for visitors, but would also recognise the indigenous and non-indigenous history the Blue Mountains holds.

"The Three Sisters became the 98th Aboriginal Place to be declared in NSW in January this year. This declaration recognises the special cultural, social and spiritual significance of the site to the Aboriginal community," Ms Sage said.

"Honouring the history and heritage steeped within this track in an important part of this project. I thank the local Aboriginal community for their collaboration on this initiative and I look forward to the restoration's completion."

The track upgrade is subject to the requirements of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, which will ensure the cultural values of the Aboriginal Place are protected.

The pathway links Echo Point Lookout to Lady Game Lookout, both overlooking the Three Sisters. The Blue Mountains walking track history spans some 170 years, with many of the early pioneered routes constructed on Aboriginal pathways.