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\$258,142 FOR COMMUNITY DRIVEN BUSH CONNECT PROJECT

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney, Ray Williams, has welcomed a \$258,142 NSW Government bush connect grant to start a decade long conservation project in the Campbelltown electorate.

Sixteen long-term Great Eastern Ranges corridor environmental projects have been given a share of over \$7.5 million in NSW Environmental Trust grants.

Mr Williams said the grant would help the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (TLAL) to implement long-term environmental solutions in Campbelltown.

“TLAL’s O’Hares Creek catchment project aims to undertake habitat creation and supplementation measures targeting arboreal threatened species, through the installation of nest-boxes, artificial rock shelters and habitat logs on public and privately owned lands.

“A long-term monitoring program will then support the project, incorporating strong citizen involvement and an environmental education component” Mr Williams said.

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said the Bush Connect grants provide funding of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 each, for the first six years of the projects.

“This program is designed to encourage partnerships between community environment groups or networks, farmers and non-government organisations to complete important environmental work,” Mr Williams said.

The grant program requires projects to run for a minimum of 10 years. The Environmental Trust and the applicant will jointly fund up to 80 per cent of the total project cost for the first six years. The applicant will contribute the remaining 20 per cent over the remaining four years.

To see a full list of recipients and project descriptions, visit:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/2015-bush-connect.htm

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