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NSW bush fire risk management projects receive \$2.59 million funding boost

Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and New South Wales Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant today announced \$2.59 million for 43 new projects to address bush fire risks throughout NSW.

The new projects are in addition to \$2.7 million for 126 projects supported in 2015 through the NSW Bush fire Risk Management Grants Scheme.

Under the funding announced today, local governments, NSW National Parks and NSW Lands will receive funding to support activities that manage bush fire risks.

Mr Keenan said this announcement is part of the joint Commonwealth-State *Natural Disaster Resilience Program* which has provided NSW with \$13.5 million since 2014.

“The program aims to reduce the impact of bush fires on communities and to reduce the public and private losses that can occur,” Mr Keenan said.

“While natural hazards such as bushfires are a fact of life in Australia, communities are stepping up efforts to manage the risks.

“It is only by working together that we can reduce the potentially destructive impacts of future disasters such as bush fires.”

Mr Grant said the funding would provide a boost to projects focusing on bush fire prevention.

“The program has approved 19 fire trails and aerial firefighting supply tanks at 24 regional airstrips across NSW,” Mr Grant said.

“Fire trails provide easier access to fires and the aerial firefighting supply tanks will ensure bulk water or fire retardant is immediately available for loading into fixed-wing aircraft for a more rapid response.

“We have seen the widespread devastation bush fires can cause here in NSW and this program is a common sense approach to increased preparedness and responsiveness for threatened communities.”

NSW Bush fire Risk Management projects:

ORGANISATION NAME	LGA	TYPE	TOTAL
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Port Macquarie-Hastings	Fire Trail East 1A	\$35,262
NPWS	Warringah	Perimeter Trail (Karingah Case NP)	\$48,200
Lands	Sutherland	Loftus Creek	\$49,800
NPWS	Great Lakes	Rosewood Trail - Myall Lakes NP	\$77,700
RFS (work on NP)	Pittwater	Topham Trail	\$48,050
RFS (work on NP)	Cessnock	Yango Track	\$382,968
NPWS	Hawkesbury	Womerah Range fire trail	\$64,500
Lands	Sutherland	Forum Drive	\$75,860
Lands	Sutherland	Ilumba	\$58,275
Lands	The Hills	Porters Road Fire Trail	\$50,015
NPWS	Greater Taree	Bakers Trail	\$150,000
Lands	Hornsby	Waddell Ridge Trail	\$79,058
Lands	Blue Mountains	Mount York Fire Trail	\$47,051
NPWS	Hawkesbury	Burralow Fire Trail	\$46,500
NPWS	Blue Mountains	Red Hands Trail	\$46,750
NPWS	Hawkesbury	Shaws Ridge Trail	\$49,500
NPWS	Sutherland	Lakes Trail	\$22,000
Wingecarribee Council	Wingecarribee	Gang Gang Trail	\$12,000
Sutherland Council	Sutherland	Sabugal Pass	\$30,000
RFS	Wollongong	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Albion Park	\$40,000
RFS	Armidale Dumaresq	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Armidale	\$40,000
RFS	Bathurst	Airbase Tanks Level 2 - Bathurst	\$35,000
RFS	Richmond Valley	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Casino	\$40,000
RFS	Warrumbungle	Airbase Tanks Level 3 - Coonabarrabran	\$110,000

RFS	Dubbo	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Dubbo	\$40,000
RFS	Clarence Balley	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Grafton	\$40,000
RFS	Carrathool	Airbase Tank Project Level 1 - Hillston	\$40,000
RFS	Inverell	Airbase Tank Project Level 1 - Inverell	\$40,000
RFS	Kempsey	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Kempsey	\$40,000
RFS	Moree Plains	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Moree	\$40,000
RFS	Tweed	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Murwillumbah	\$40,000
RFS	Eurobodalla	Airbase Tanks Level 2 - Moruya	\$75,000
RFS	Narrandera	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Narrandera	\$40,000
RFS	Tamworth	Airbase Tanks Level 2 - Tamworth	\$75,000
RFS	Greater Taree	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Taree	\$40,000
RFS	Temora	Airbase Tanks Level 2 - Temora	\$75,000
RFS	Narromine	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Trangie	\$40,000
RFS	Walcha	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Walcha	\$40,000
RFS	Gwydir	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Warialda	\$40,000
RFS	Lake Macquarie	Airbase Tanks Level 3 - Warnevale	\$110,000
RFS	Narrabri	Airbase Tanks Level 3 - Narrabri	\$70,000
RFS	Wellington	Airbase Tanks Level 2 - Wellington	\$35,000
RFS	Tamworth	Airbase Tanks Level 1 - Barraba	\$40,000