



Media Release

Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion

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\$1.6 million to strengthen Indigenous heritage

The Australian Government is investing \$1.6 million this financial year in 18 projects across Australia through the Indigenous Heritage Programme to strengthen the connection between Indigenous communities and their heritage values.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, said the projects focus on supporting, identifying, promoting and conserving the heritage values of places important to Indigenous people.

“Projects cover activities including the conservation of burial sites, conducting heritage surveys and repair work, developing cultural heritage management plans and recording and passing on traditional knowledge,” Minister Scullion said.

“Indigenous heritage projects provide education, training, employment and business opportunities that help Indigenous Australians to meet their cultural obligations to care for their country and maintain traditions.”

Member for Paterson, Bob Baldwin, said the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, based at Williamtown, would receive \$200,000 through the 2013-14 round of Indigenous Heritage funding.

“This funding will enable the Land Council to employ and train rangers to protect and promote Worimi heritage values and culture along the Stockton Bight between Newcastle and Port Stephens,” Mr Baldwin said.

“The Government’s investment through the Indigenous heritage projects supports Indigenous people to care for their land and heritage and this in turn helps to strengthen and preserve the history, culture and self-esteem of communities.”

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