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NEW LEAF FOR LANDCARE: \$15 MILLION INVESTMENT

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water Niall Blair has today announced details of the \$15 million NSW Local Landcare Coordinators Initiative, which will unlock the full potential of Landcare volunteers across the state.

The initiative, co-designed between Landcare NSW and the NSW Government, will deliver a network of locally based coordinators increase the effectiveness of the Landcare network.

“Prior to the election we said we would provide \$15 million to support Landcare over the next four years – I am proud to say today’s announcement delivers on that commitment,” Mr Blair said.

“This program has been designed to build the capacity of local Landcare groups, with the majority of the funds going towards employing more people on the ground, dedicated to improving management of our natural resources.”

The initiative will see up to 60 additional people employed with Landcare groups across the state to deliver massive improvements in natural resource management.

A centralised support team will provide statewide coordination to increase the activity and effectiveness of the Landcare network, through a consistent approach to building community capacity.

A joint management committee consisting of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW will oversee the program and a Landcare Future Fund Initiative will be established to pursue options for Landcare’s future financial sustainability.

Online applications from organisations interested in hosting a local Landcare coordinator within their community will open on 14 September.