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NSW Govt Announces \$98,000 For Brush-tailed Rock-Wallaby Conservation

Endangered Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby populations will benefit from a \$98,570 NSW Government grant, Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Carmel Tebbutt said today.

Ms Tebbutt joined Member for Gosford Marie Andrews in announcing the grant, which is part of the Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program.

"This grant will help Waterfall Springs Conservation Association construct 12 purpose built enclosures, with supplementary feeding stations, to support the expansion of its Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby Captive Breeding Program," Ms Tebbutt said.

"The Waterfall Springs' program breeds wallabies which can be released into the wild to sustain declining natural populations.

"It is a very important program that contributes to the Department of Environment and Climate Change's Recovery Plan for the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby, helping to ensure the long term survival of the species."

Ms Andrews welcomed the funding and said the project was an important local initiative.

"I am pleased the Government has been able to support this project," she said.

"The new enclosures will be part of a multi-staged project that includes a Conservation and Education Centre."

The funding is one of 92 grants worth a total of \$34 million provided by the NSW Environmental Trust in the most recent grants round announced this week.

"These innovative projects represent some of the important research, education and restoration projects funded through the NSW Government's 2008/09 Environmental Trust program," said Ms Tebbutt.

The Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW Government to support exceptional environmental projects.

For more information about the Environmental Trust visit –
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>

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