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NEW SHARED PATHWAY TO MAKE LAKE ILLAWARRA MORE ACCESSIBLE

Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources Troy Grant said a \$500,000 project to construct an extension to the shared pathway which runs around much of the lake perimeter was about to get underway along the western foreshore of Lake Illawarra.

Mr Grant said the Authority has completed route planning and obtained necessary approvals for a new 2 kilometre long pathway which would connect the foreshore of Koonawarra Bay at the end of Gilba Road to Yallah Bay opposite the Tallawarra Power Station.

"These improvements showcase the NSW Government's commitment to coastal infrastructure and the people of the Illawarra," Mr Grant said.

"The new \$500,000 concrete shared pathway is part of the Lake Illawarra Authority's goal to achieve a continuous pathway around the 38km perimeter of the lake.

"When completed, the shareway will give access to foreshore areas not previously available to the community, with more than 75% of the perimeter of the lake made accessible for pedestrians and cyclists.

"The new shared pathway will also provide an opportunity to view the lake from the picturesque elevated heights of Elizabeth Point and to walk or cycle from Koonawarra Bay all the way to Yallah Bay.

"The new pathway will consist of 1.7km of concrete pathway which is now ready to construct and a 0.3km of timber boardwalk now in design.

"The boardwalk will be constructed over the low lying land south of Tallawarra Point.

"Works will be undertaken in partnership with Wollongong City Council, and I anticipate a further announcement about the commencement of the timber boardwalk, which will finally complete the connection to Yallah Bay, to be made within a month."