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Environmental management in Hinchinbrook to benefit from budget

The Newman LNP Government has announced more than \$1.7 million in funding for natural resource management, environmental programs and national parks facilities in the Hinchinbrook electorate.

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, said the funding would help improve environmental management practices and boost the accessibility of important recreational areas.

“My own Department of Natural Resources and Mines has announced that two Natural Resource Management (NRM) groups in my electorate are set to benefit from more than \$1 million in funding,” he said.

“Terrain NRM and NQ Dry Tropics will each receive \$530,000, which will enable them to deliver on-ground projects in their regions to control pests and weeds, improve water quality and enhance sustainable agriculture.

“Facilities in our National Parks will also benefit, with funds allocated to replace bridges on walking tracks in Djiru National Park at Mission Beach.

“Money has also been allocated to continue the construction of the new Parks and Wildlife Ranger Station and facilities at Cardwell.

Mr Cripps said funding for a crocodile management plan had already proved successful.

“This week we saw the start of a crocodile management plan for North Queensland to address mounting safety concerns, and already a problem croc has been removed from the Johnstone River in Innisfail,” he said.

“Two Giringun Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers based at Cardwell have also received funding to continue their great work.

“The funding announced for these projects in my electorate is most welcome.”

Projects receiving a funding allocation include:

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- \$1.5 million North Queensland crocodile management plan for communities between Townsville and Cairns
- \$530,000 for Terrain NRM for natural resource management projects
- \$530,000 NQ Dry Tropics for natural resource management projects
- \$280,000 for two Girringun Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers based at Cardwell
- \$218,000 to construct QPWS Ranger Station and facilities at Cardwell
- \$111,000 to replace bridges in walking tracks in Djiru National Park at Mission Beach

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