



## Speech By Hon. Dr Steven Miles

## **MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

## Currumbin Eco-Parkland

**Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.44 am): I am pleased to announce that the Palaszczuk government has secured 148 hectares of land at Currumbin on the southern Gold Coast for transformation into one of Australia's biggest eco-parklands. The community's message was clear: they asked us to protect and preserve this beautiful property and its unique, natural features. That is exactly what we are doing.

We can now work with the community to deliver one of the largest eco-parklands in Australia and protect koala habitat and local flora and fauna. This is not just about protecting land but improving it. We now have an enormous opportunity to create something special. The eco-parklands could be enhanced for recreation such as hiking, bushwalking and mountain biking, picnics and rehabilitation of both native wildlife and bushland. Community consultation on the future of the site will be key. The next steps will be seeking initial community views on the future use of the site and how it should be used to ensure that the project will deliver on community needs.