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### Bushfire Mitigation funding welcomed

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the announcement of Bushfire Mitigation Program funding for areas around Armidale, Tenterfield and Nundle by the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd.

“I have been informed by the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd that a number of trails around Armidale, Tenterfield and Nundle will receive funding for maintenance from the Bushfire Mitigation Program for 2005-06.

The trails around Armidale will receive \$5,100, trails around Tenterfield will receive funding of \$7,200 and the Brandy Springs area at Nundle will receive \$3,000,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that the Bushfire Mitigation Program was to assist in the construction, maintenance and signage of effective fire trail networks that enhance the safety of fire fighting personnel, increase the rapidity with which fire suppression agencies are able to access fires and improve the resources that can safely be made available to the fire suppression effort.

“I thank Minister Lloyd and the Federal Government for their contribution to fire fighting efforts in these areas.

I also thank our fire fighters for their continuing efforts in protecting our communities.

I trust that these financial contributions through this program will assist them in the vital role they perform and in some way make their jobs easier and most importantly safer,” Mr Windsor said.

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