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## FUNDING FOR MONARO RAIL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Funding of almost \$273,000 is being provided by the NSW Government for a Development Plan for the Monaro Rail Trail (MRT) concept.

Member for Monaro Nichole Overall said it was an important step in the constructive progress of the MRT proposal.

"This funding for a Development Plan and critical biodiversity and biosecurity reports will provide greater detail and planning information moving forward," Mrs Overall said.

"Continuing to explore ways we can further cement our region as a year-round tourism destination is something I'm very passionate about and I congratulate the MRT Committee for their pursuit of this initiative."

Carlo Botto, President of the Monaro Rail Trail Committee, says this is an important step for the proposed rail trail.

"MRT Inc is very pleased to hear the news of the NSW Government funding that will be used to further develop preparatory work required for the Monaro Rail Trail," Mr Botto said.

"This will move us a significantly closer to finalising a business case and other work that's required to apply for a grant to commence work on the MRT."

The Regional NSW – Business Case and Strategy Development Fund is part of the \$3.3 billion Regional Growth Fund and will help create a pipeline of investment-ready projects for future funding opportunities.

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