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BLUE MOUNTAINS RADIATA PLATEAU TO BE PROTECTED FOREVER

Environment Minister Matt Kean today announced that Radiata Plateau in the Blue Mountains will be incorporated into the State's national park reserve system, ensuring its protection for future generations.

Mr Kean said the newest land purchase would protect the last remaining undeveloped peninsula-plateau on the upper Blue Mountains western escarpment.

"This site supports important wildlife corridors and nationally listed endangered ecological communities, including Blue Mountains swamps, and endangered species such as the Spotted-tailed Quoll, the Dwarf Mountain Pine and Greater Glider," Mr Kean said.

"I am delighted to announce that we have just exchanged contracts for this important 300 hectare parcel of land, which will help secure this beautiful landscape forever.

"The NSW Government has been working towards acquiring this private property over recent months to ensure this important area is protected and that the public can continue to enjoy it.

"I would like to thank the community and the Blue Mountains Conservation Society for their three decade long campaign to ensure this land is protected.

"I know from the hundreds of letters I received that the plateau is widely loved by the community and its network of walking tracks are enjoyed regularly by local residents, bush walkers, climbers and bird watchers.

"The property holds significance to the Gundungurra and Dharug people and includes the state significant heritage site 'Blacks Ladder', which marks a traditional Aboriginal pathway into the Megalong Valley.

"Once the purchase has settled, the National Parks and Wildlife Service will commence developing a plan of management to guide its protection, management and access for the public."

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