



The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC

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WIFI INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HAWKS NEST HOLIDAY PARK

Parliamentary Secretary for Digital Inclusion and Port Stephens Duty MLC, Catherine Cusack today visited Reflections Holiday Park in Hawks Nest with Liberal candidate, Jaimie Abbott to announce a \$316,000 loan from the Berejiklian Government for WiFi.

“Investing in infrastructure which supports regional tourism is a major priority for the Berejiklian Government and I am so glad to be able to announce this,” said Ms Cusack.

“This loan will provide the much needed capital for Reflections to continue installing WiFi infrastructure across nine of their Parks.”

Liberal candidate for Port Stephens, Jaimie Abbott said proper connectivity in holiday parks is a giant step forward.

“Hawks Nest is a pristine corner of Port Stephens and I am really glad the Berejiklian Government is providing this financial assistance to improve internet access. By improving the experience of visitors to this beautiful spot we will encourage more overnight stays, providing a boost to our local businesses,” said Ms Abbott

Works will include installation of 12m and 16m poles for microwave links as well as upgrading 2,400 metres of fibre. In addition to improving the guest experience, the infrastructure will improve the network for park management and centrally maintained security monitoring.

“The network will soon be completed at Reflections Hawks Nest. Seal Rocks and Forster Beach parks are now live and these school holidays will ensure the wireless capacity is properly put to the test,” said Ms Abbott.

Parks in the next stage of connectivity works include Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Bermagui, Tuncurry, Scotts Head and Evans Head.

Reflections Holiday Parks Finance and IT Executive Manager, Michelle Griffin said they would continue building the foundations for a better digital experience for their guests.

“Delivery of this project also enables mobile phone coverage where mobile signals are currently unavailable. Previously, Hawks Nest and Seal Rocks parks had nil to minimal coverage, which meant guests couldn’t communicate with friends and family during their holidays with us,” said Ms Griffin

“This is a significant investment in technology and support from Berejiklian Government is allowing us to do more sooner.”

The loan is being provided through the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund which provides funding for recreational infrastructure, repairs and maintenance projects, pest and weed control, and environmental initiatives.