



# Greg Piper MP

## Member for Lake Macquarie



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#### **State Funding Channelled into Lake Macquarie**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, today welcomed the announcement of \$858,000 in state funding for improvements to Lake Macquarie.

The Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, has confirmed that Lake Macquarie City Council will receive \$750,000 for estuary management and \$108,000 for floodplain management.

According to Mr Piper, the health of the lake has improved dramatically under the Lake Macquarie Improvement Project. The project has only recently wound up after ten years of joint funding by council and state government.

“It’s been shown that the past damage to Lake Macquarie can be reversed, so this new funding will provide a real and ongoing benefit,” said Mr Piper. “There is still more to do, so the state funding is great news.”

The estuary management funding will target streambank stabilisation and vegetation, protection of wetlands and saltmarsh and improvements in water quality, “Mr Piper said.

“These projects will help restore natural systems and deliver ongoing environmental improvements to the lake,” Mr Piper said.

According to Mr Piper, the floodplain funding will be used for solving existing flooding problems and preventing new ones under Council’s Floodplain Management Plan.

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