

Labor to add iconic Northern NSW rainforests to World Heritage list

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A Foley Labor Government will immediately act to ensure that the internationally significant rainforests on the NSW North Coast are inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Labor will work with the Queensland and Federal Governments to nominate 460,000 hectares of rainforest in NSW as additions to the *Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area* – including icons such as Washpool National Park, Dorrigo National Park, Chaelundi and the Barrington Tops National Park.

Labor Leader Luke Foley made the announcement in his speech to the North Coast Country Labor Campaign Launch today.

Quotes attributable to Labor Leader Luke Foley:

“I said on my first day as Labor Leader that I will champion economic activity that creates jobs and prosperity, and at the same time I’ll champion environmental protection.

“Our economic prosperity and our quality of life need not be underwritten by the needless destruction of our environment.

“Labor Governments have proved time and time again that we can grow the economy and jobs, and at the same time protect our natural environment.

“Neville Wran declared a moratorium on the logging of all rainforests in NSW and he secured the north-eastern rainforests World Heritage listing.

“Bob Carr and his successors added 3 million hectares of national parks and protected parcels from north to south. Places like Myamba Gorge and the old growth forest at Chaelundi.

“I will be very proud to lead a Labor Government that will build on Labor’s strong environmental legacy and enhance our renowned world heritage listed rainforests.

“Adding icons such as the Washpool National Park, Dorrigo National Park, Chaelundi and the Barrington Tops National Park will kickstart a stalled process that has left these beautiful environments lingering on the “tentative list.”

Key Facts:

- The World Heritage List allows all countries to identify and protect places of outstanding universal value.

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