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Endangered species habitat secured in Albury for the national parks system

The NSW Minister for the Environment, Gabrielle Upton, today announced that habitat for many endangered and vulnerable species near Albury has been secured forever by being added to the state's national park system.

The addition of 229 hectares to Woomargama State Conservation Area comes after generous support from the public through a fundraising campaign run by the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife.

Minister Upton said the new land included a nationally endangered ecological community.

"Woomargama State Conservation Area is an important part of a species super highway linking habitat along the Great Eastern ranges," she said.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said, "I am thrilled the NSW Government was able to work with the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife to secure this land for the people of NSW."

"The new addition includes some gorgeous country and I am pleased the Woomargama State Conservation Area will now include some of the granite canyons and gorge landscapes that are prominent features in this area.

"The area includes Box-Gum woodland endangered ecological community as well as endangered and vulnerable species including squirrel gliders, gang gang cockatoos, powerful owls and spotted tail quolls."

President of the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife, Garry Browne, said he was pleased to see the park addition in place.

"We would like to thank all of our supporters who, through their donations, made the protection of this high value conservation land possible.

"I would also like to thank the NSW Government for their commitment to preserving and protecting this land, for future generations, by its addition to the NSW National Parks reserve system," Mr Browne said.

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