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The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP

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GOVERNMENT PROTECTS KOKODA AND HONOURS SACRIFICE

The Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull, today announced the Coalition will help to protect and maintain the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea and honour the sacrifices made during that most important battle.

The Coalition Government will provide funding of \$15.9 million to assist Papua New Guinea obtain World Heritage listing to the Kokoda Track as well as build capacity in Papua New Guinea to manage the environmental issues of the Track effectively.

The financial impact of this commitment on the budget will be reflected in the Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

An additional \$511,000 will be spent upgrading the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, located along the Parramatta River in Sydney's inner-west. The walkway comprises a path through 22 stations describing the significant places and engagements on the Track.

"The Kokoda Track remains an enduring image of our national spirit and, alongside Gallipoli, represents one of the most important landmarks in Australian military history," Mr Turnbull said.

"This funding package will ensure that this source of great Australian pride is preserved for generations of Australians to experience in the future.

Kokoda was one of Australia's most significant campaigns of the Second World War and is remembered for the tenacity and bravery displayed by Australian forces.

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