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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

All the 96 properties added to the NRS since July 2013 have been gazetted. Can you advise what the projections are for 2015 additions and can you outline the planning process used to do this?

**Answer:**

States and territories are primarily responsible for the establishment and management of National Reserve System properties in Australia. It is anticipated that State and Territories will continue to add areas to the National Reserve System.

In terms of the Australian Government contribution to the National Reserve System, the department anticipates that several current Indigenous Protected Area consultation projects will be dedicated over the next six months, adding a significant amount to the National Reserve System.

The Australian Government has committed \$15 million towards a Cumberland Conservation Corridor in Greater Western Sydney. The funding covers up to \$7.5 million for the acquisition of land and/or the establishment of conservation agreements on threatened land in the Greater Western Sydney area. This funding may result in some areas of the Cumberland Plains of western Sydney being included in the National Reserve System.