

St Columba Falls track re-opens

Work on the St Columba Falls State Reserve track near St Helens has been completed.

Labor Member for Lyons Heather Butler said the track to the highest falls in the north east of the State re-opened this week.

The track was closed in late 2005 following severe rains that washed away a section of the walkway.

Ms Butler said geotechnical engineering advice was sought to resolve complex problems of drainage and soil movement on the steep slope.

"The specific site conditions proved challenging for the consultants who provided an innovative solution," she said.

"Work was undertaken upslope from the track to improve the drainage and a concealed suspension bridge, with a steel mesh walkway supported between two concrete blocks, was constructed to bridge a particularly difficult area.

"Locals and visitors to the north east can once again enjoy the falls which are especially impressive after high rainfall," Ms Butler said.

"St Columba Falls are an important drawcard attracting around 80,000 visitors each year."