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## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

*From the dusty plains of Broken Hill to the shorelines of Tweed Heads; from the paddocks of Tumbarumba to the mining towns of the Hunter and the Illawarra, regional New South Wales showcases the diverse wonders and dynamic communities that define our great State.*

For many regional areas, the last 12 months have presented major challenges, as the ongoing drought continues. Despite this, regional New South Wales has shown extraordinary resilience and great economic strength, adding around 95,000 new jobs since 2015 — more than three times our target.

This is a Budget for the bush with farmers at its heart and ensures our regions will continue to grow well, with great infrastructure and world class services.

A drought relief package of \$1.8 billion will help our farming communities endure the present challenges and build resilience for the future. We are investing to improve long-term regional water security, harnessing the \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund to explore the delivery of a new pipeline from Lostock Dam to Glennies Creek.

Our record \$93 billion infrastructure program will deliver upgraded hospitals and healthcare facilities in our regions, supported by an unprecedented boost in frontline services. Of the record 5,000 extra nurses and midwives to be employed over the next four years, 45% will be in the regions.

Travel will be faster, safer and cheaper, with a new \$250 Regional Seniors Transport Card, savings for inter-city commuters with our \$50 weekly Opal cap, and a new \$1.7 billion intercity fleet.

We're investing \$1.2 billion to upgrade regional roads and making long distance road journeys faster and safer, while a \$400 million investment will support new mobile towers to eliminate blackspots, new data centres and fast, reliable internet connections in the bush.

Our \$100 million Regional Cultural Fund continues to enrich country communities and our payroll tax cuts will give regional businesses more freedom to employ more local workers.

We're building eight new TAFE Connected Learning Centres to create new opportunities for young and old alike.

And four new Service NSW buses will bring our well-renowned one-stop-shop services to 150,000 more people in regional and remote New South Wales.

Moving closer to our state's capital, this budget also brings unprecedented investment to secure a brighter future for our emerging metropolitan regions in Western Sydney.

The new Western Sydney Airport will be a thriving centre for 200,000 jobs, new industries and new communities. We're planning the road and rail connections now so they are ready when the first flights take off — including the North-South Metro rail link from St Marys to Badgerys Creek.

A new Western Sydney Construction Hub will be a centre for skills and learning, a TAFE "super campus" — focused on construction and trades to create the workforce that will build our future.

We're creating more green and open spaces, with the new Billabong Parklands in Campbelltown, three new sport and recreation facilities in Camden, upgrading facilities at our national parks so more people can enjoy them. Also we will deliver the state-of-the-art Powerhouse Museum Western Sydney deserves.

Major new road and rail projects will fill in the missing links in Western Sydney's transport network. For the first time WestConnex is fully funded, we're progressing the Parramatta Light Rail and there's funding to start building Sydney Metro West next year. Seventeen new Waratah trains will deliver more express services to commuters in our west and we're getting rid of bottlenecks and clearing road congestion.

The 2019-20 New South Wales Budget is a budget of delivery for every community in the Premier State, from the city to the bush. It's our plan to deliver on our promises, and keep making our state a better place to live, work, run a business and raise a family, no matter where you are in New South Wales.



**Dominic Perrottet**  
NSW Treasurer



**TWEED VALLEY, MURWILLUMBAH**

*Photo credit: Trevor Worden / Destination NSW*

# SUPPORTING *our Regions*

*The 2019-20 New South Wales Budget demonstrates the Government's continued commitment to supporting the growth of our strong regions and emerging metropolitan areas and its focus on delivering outcomes for New South Wales citizens now and into the future.*

The Government is working to ensure that its approach to planning, infrastructure development and liveability supports a vibrant, sustainable and resilient State. Supporting key projects across the regions and Western Sydney will be a key focus for the Government in 2019-20.

For example, the development of Western Sydney — consisting of the Central River and Western Parkland cities — will provide a foundation for innovation and new jobs in the future.

Across regional New South Wales and emerging metropolitan areas, the Government's continued investment will:

- support a targeted approach to drought resilience and future preparedness
- improve road and transport connections across all regions
- provide the health, education, police, and emergency services infrastructure necessary for our growing and aging population
- protect and improve the environment and local character of our regional communities
- enable the new Western Sydney Airport to boost growth and create new employment in Western Sydney.

Some of the Government's key investments in the regions and Western Sydney for the 2019-20 New South Wales Budget are highlighted in this document.

## **FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY**

### **To support thriving regions.**

- More than **\$1.8 billion** in drought assistance, comprising both direct funding support and additional funding for both state and local infrastructure, including:
  - **\$350 million** added to the Farm Innovation Fund to support low interest loans and capital improvements to build drought resilience and preparedness, bringing the total available in the fund to \$1 billion.

- **\$185 million** to continue existing drought assistance programs, including:

- **\$70 million** in transport rebates for fodder, stock and water
- **\$50 million** for one-year relief from Local Land Services Annual Rates
- **\$30 million** to waive fixed charges for water licence holders
- **\$15 million** to provide emergency water carting to secure town water supplies, as part of the Government's drought assistance program
- **\$10 million** in Farm Innovation Fund loan interest relief.

- **\$170 million** reserved for a special purpose Drought Infrastructure Package to undertake water security measures, including new groundwater supply at Dubbo, augmenting supply to Coonabarabran and construction of new supply at Nyngan.

- **\$8.3 million** to improve access to and delivery of mental health services in rural and remote communities.

- **\$5.2 million** in funding to support preschool children and their families facing hardship because of the drought.

- **\$314.7 million** in Restart funding over four years for over 120 regional water infrastructure projects is underway.

- **\$527.1 million** allocation to improve regional communities' access to dependable, clean and safe water supplies and sewerage services.

- Keepit Dam upgrade (**\$113.1 million** estimated total cost).

- **\$1.5 million** of State contribution in 2019-20 (\$13 million over four years) to rehabilitate high priority free flowing bores and drains in the Great Artesian Basin to enhance reliability of water supply to reduce the impact of drought.

- **\$2.6 million** in 2019-20 towards water reform in the Murray Darling Basin.

**\$1.7**  
**BILLION**  
*Regional Growth Fund*

**\$1.8**  
**BILLION**  
*drought assistance*



TOBRUK SHEEP STATION, MAROOTA, HAWKESBURY REGION

Photo credit: Jem Cresswell / Destination NSW

## SUPPORTING *our Regions cont.*

- Investment in essential infrastructure to strengthen communities, through the **\$1.7 billion** Regional Growth Fund, to improve local facilities and grow local economies in regional New South Wales. Over **\$1 billion** has already been committed to more than 1,350 projects over the past two years. In 2019-20, the fund will continue to focus on regional New South Wales, with more infrastructure projects already in the pipeline.
- New funding of **\$113 million** in 2019-20 from the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund to be spent on priority areas including:
  - \$90 million** (\$400 million over four years) for the Regional Digital Connectivity Program, providing mobile black spot towers and data centres to improve internet connectivity, speeds and reliability in regional New South Wales
  - \$20 million** in 2019-20 to continue to investigate and plan for future Special Activation Precincts
  - \$3 million** in 2019-20 to progress sites identified in the International Air Freight Pre-Feasibility Study to improve connectivity in regional New South Wales.
- In addition, the Government will also spend **\$32 million** over three years to investigate the augmentation of the Wyangala Dam, as part of a \$650 million commitment, with environmental and economic studies to commence this year.

- \$22.9 million** in 2019-20 as part of a \$50 million investment to upgrade food and fibre research stations across our regions, including Port Stephens, Cowra, Tamworth, Orange, Wagga and Trangie, ensuring our agricultural industries are best-placed to remain productive and competitive.

### BOOSTING JOBS AND SKILLS

**Leveraging the jobs boom while delivering infrastructure for the future and arming our people with the right skills to meet the needs of our growing economy.**

- \$61.7 million** over four years to construct eight new TAFE Connected Learning Centres in rural and regional locations, including at Byron Bay, Nelson Bay, Bateman's Bay, Jindabyne, Nambucca Heads, Hay, Cobar and West Wyalong.
- \$57.1 million** (from 2020-21 to 2022-23) to establish a pilot program for two senior secondary vocational schools in Western Sydney and the North Coast.

### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

**Delivering the infrastructure required to support our growing population.**

- Continued investment in New South Wales hospitals, with new and enhanced builds planned across many regions including the John Hunter Hospital, Tumut Hospital, Griffith Hospital and Goulburn Hospital.

- Unprecedented spending on school infrastructure across the regions to build new schools, update school facilities, and provide accessible modern facilities.

- \$65 million** dedicated to building and upgrading police stations in regional communities, including Bathurst, Goulburn, Jindabyne area, Bega and Bourke.

- \$36.6 million** in 2019-20 (\$112.2 million across four years) to increase the number and quality of sporting facilities, including improving the use of existing facilities and meeting the needs of female participants across the regions.

- \$18 million** (\$9 million in 2019-20) to refurbish and upgrade the Queanbeyan Courthouse.

### CONNECTING OUR REGIONS

**Better connecting our regions and cities through a once-in-a-generation pipeline of investment.**

- \$1.5 billion** over four years to continue the New South Wales and Federal Government funded Pacific Highway upgrade program, including completing construction between Woolgoolga and Ballina by late 2020 and planning and preconstruction activities for the bypass of Coffs Harbour.
- More than **\$1 billion** over five years to improve local roads and bridges



through Fixing Country Bridges (\$500 million) and Fixing Local Roads (\$500 million).

- **\$812 million** in 2019-20 to continue delivery of the New Intercity Fleet to provide new intercity trains to operate between Sydney and the Central Coast, Newcastle, the Blue Mountains and the Illawarra.
- **\$2.8 billion** (\$1.3 billion capital investment) for the design, build and maintenance of the new Regional Rail Fleet to replace the aging New South Wales regional rail fleet of XPT, Endeavour and Xplorer trains and build a new maintenance facility in Dubbo. The new regional fleet will comprise 117 new carriages to form ten regional intercity trains, nine short regional trains and ten long regional trains.
- **\$268 million** over four years as part of a \$2.5 billion commitment to start the duplication of the full 31 kilometres Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow to deliver a faster, safer route over the mountains.
- **\$322 million** over four years as part of an additional \$960 million commitment to upgrade the Princes Highway between Nowra and Moruya to improve safety, journey times and freight efficiency.

## DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Investing in our communities and providing the services that our people need.

- **\$2.8 billion** to recruit 8,300 frontline health staff, over four years, with 45 per cent located in regional New South Wales.
- Funding in 2019-20 has been allocated to better support our regions, with:
  - focus on recruiting more doctors, allied health workers and psychologists to work in regional New South Wales
  - enhancing and supporting regional cadetships for nurses, midwives and allied health workers.
- **\$583.6 million** over four years for 1,500 new police to increase the State's crime fighting capability and to keep the community safe. This boost to police numbers will benefit regional New South Wales communities and reduce response times.

- **\$70 million** over four years to provide 35 new free mobile dental clinics for primary school children in Western Sydney, the Mid North Coast and the Central Coast. The service will allow access to dental checks and basic dental care for up to 136,000 primary school children each year.
- Four mobile Service NSW buses servicing rural and regional areas, including Northern New South Wales and Western Regions. They will offer the Government's one-stop-shop program to areas that do not have service centres close-by.

## EMPOWERING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Upgrading infrastructure and improving living standards in Aboriginal communities.

- **\$35.8 million** in 2019-20 is allocated to deliver new housing and upgraded housing through the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing and the Aboriginal Housing Office's capital works program.
- **\$5.5 million** in 2019-20 (\$55 million over four years) under the Roads to Home Program, focused on delivering local road infrastructure in partnership with local Aboriginal Land Councils in ten remote Aboriginal Communities across New South Wales to improve accessibility and increase economic opportunities.

## PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Highlighting New South Wales' natural beauty, building on local character, enhancing liveability and improving the quality of the local environment.

- **\$32.3 million** in 2019-20 (\$65 million over three years) to protect threatened plants, animals and ecological communities, through the State's Saving Our Species program and New South Wales Koala Strategy.
- **\$25.2 million** in 2019-20 (\$149.5 million over four years) to improve access to New South Wales national parks through upgrading and extending walking trails, improving visitor infrastructure and facilities and introducing online and digital tools for virtual tours.
- **\$12.5 million** in 2019-20 (\$30 million over four years) to co-fund new clean on-demand energy projects with the private sector through the Emerging Energy Program, including \$10 million to pilot initiatives to recycle and re-use materials in solar panels and battery systems.



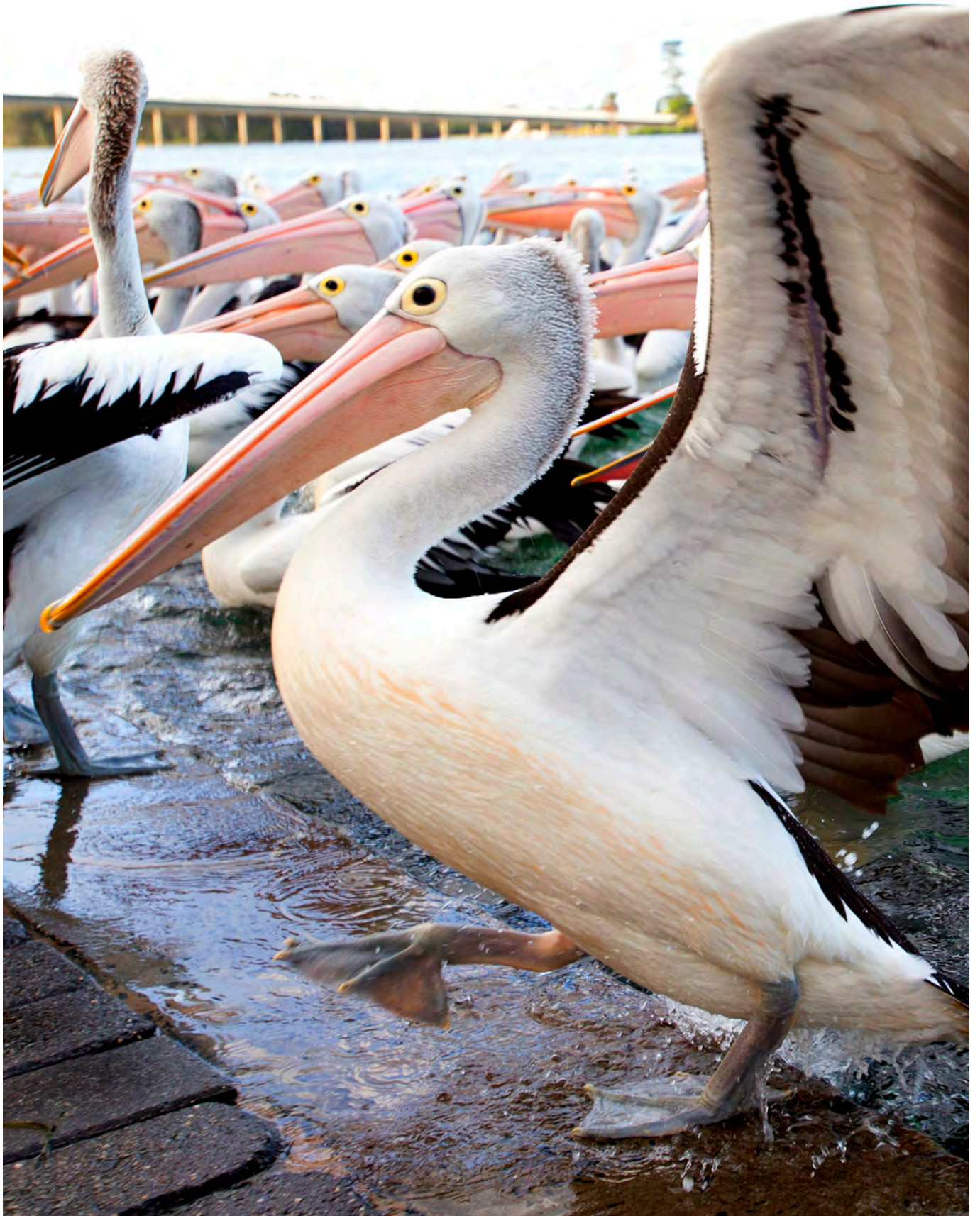
**8,300**

*frontline health staff over 4 years with 45% located in regional NSW*



**\$1 BILLION**

*to improve local roads and bridges*



PELICANS AT THE ENTRANCE, CENTRAL COAST  
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# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Central Coast

*With a population of 342,000 and covering an area of 1,824 square kilometres, the Central Coast houses a mix of beaches, national parks and vibrant suburbs. Located at the centre of New South Wales' fastest growing corridor, its proximity to Sydney and Newcastle make it an ideal location for business and industry.*

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- **\$151.2 million** in 2019-20 for Central Coast roads, including:
  - **\$104.6 million** to continue construction of the M1 Pacific Motorway widening between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges and the Kariong and Somersby interchanges (in partnership with the Federal Government)
  - **\$33.9 million** to continue construction of the Pacific Highway widening between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow
  - **\$6.5 million** to complete the upgrade of the intersection of Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street at Kincumber.

### HEALTH

- **\$60.5 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$200 million project) for Stage 1 of the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$24.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$348 million project) for the completion of the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment.

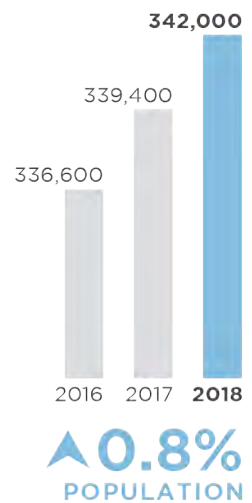
### OPEN SPACES

- **\$8.6 million** in 2019-20 (\$10 million over two years) to establish an immersive play space in the heart of Gosford, designed in collaboration with the Local Aboriginal Land Council, to create a nature-inspired play and sensory experience for all ages.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Central Coast



### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE



RETAIL TRADE



CONSTRUCTION



EDUCATION AND TRAINING



TOURISM



**RURAL VINEYARD, MUDGEE, CENTRAL WEST AND ORANA**  
*Photo credit: James Horan / Destination NSW*

# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Central West and Orana

Located in central New South Wales, the Central West and Orana region is home to a population of 288,600 and covers an area of 125,666 square kilometres. Featuring part of the iconic Great Dividing Range, the region has a strong and diverse agricultural sector and enjoys a growing visitor economy.

### HEALTH

- **\$46.2 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$70.7 million project) for the Mudgee Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$44.2 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$241.3 million project) for the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment (Stages 1 to 4).
- **\$17.3 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$35 million project) for the Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo (includes \$25 million Federal contribution).

### JUSTICE

- **\$35 million** from 2020-21 to 2022-23 to build a major new state-of-the-art police education and training centre at Dubbo.
- **\$7 million** from 2020-21 to 2022-23 for a major upgrade to Bathurst Police Station.
- Upgrades and refurbishments to court houses in 2019-20, including:
  - **\$1 million** for Bathurst
  - **\$1.2 million** for Orange.

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- Significant roads and infrastructure programs in 2019-20, including:
  - **\$52.4 million** for continued delivery of overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway
  - **\$25.9 million** to continue planning for the new Dubbo bridge on the Newell Highway over the Macquarie River and \$5.8 million for planning the Newell Highway upgrade at Parkes
  - **\$20 million** to continue delivery of the Main Western Rail Line Capacity Enhancements
  - **\$19.2 million** to commence construction of the Great Western Highway upgrade between Kelso and Raglan.

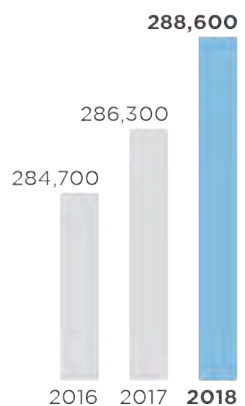
### OTHER INVESTMENTS

- Upgrades to food and fibre research stations in the region in 2019-20, including **\$1.2 million** allocated to Orange.
- Continuation of works to enhance the visitor experience at Taronga Western Plains Zoo - **\$17.6 million** in 2019-20 (\$49.1 million in total).



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle and Weddin



**▲0.8%**  
POPULATION

### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE  
AND SOCIAL  
ASSISTANCE



AGRICULTURE



RETAIL  
TRADE



PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION  
AND SAFETY



CONSTRUCTION



ACROSS THE DESERT PLAINS TO THE RANGES, BROKEN HILL

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# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Far West

The Far West is a vast region of New South Wales with its borders stretching to South Australia, Victoria and Queensland. With a population of 45,100, it is made up of small communities spread across 323,477 square kilometres. The Far West region has a significant regional economy centred on agriculture and mining.

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- **\$44.3 million** invested in 2019-20 for initial sealing of the Silver and Cobb Highways to provide all-weather and more durable highways in the region.

### NEW AND UPGRADED INFRASTRUCTURE

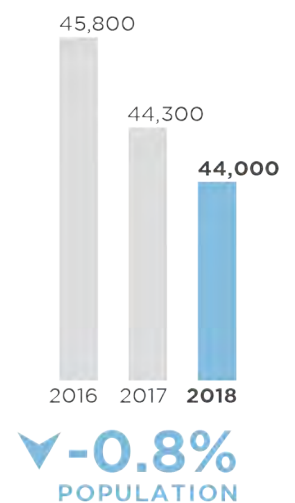
- Through the Regional Growth Fund, the following amounts have been approved to deliver projects in the Far West:
  - **\$8.4 million** to upgrade Wentworth Aerodrome
  - **\$3.5 million** to refurbish the Bakka Cultural Centre in the Central Darling Shire
  - **\$2.6 million** for the Jubilee Oval Upgrade in Broken Hill City

- **\$407,987** to deliver a new mobile phone tower in Murray
- **\$295,603** to weather proof the Great Cobar Heritage Centre in Barwon.
- **\$7.5 million** towards the first stage of a new Australian Opal Centre in Lightning Ridge, in partnership with the Federal Government and Walgett Shire Council.
- **\$7 million** over three years (from 2020-21) for a major upgrade to Bourke Police Station.
- **\$864,000** in 2019-20 (\$963,000 over two years) to upgrade the Food and Fibre Research Station at Dareton.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Walgett and Wentworth



### KEY INDUSTRIES



AGRICULTURE



HEALTH CARE  
AND SOCIAL  
ASSISTANCE



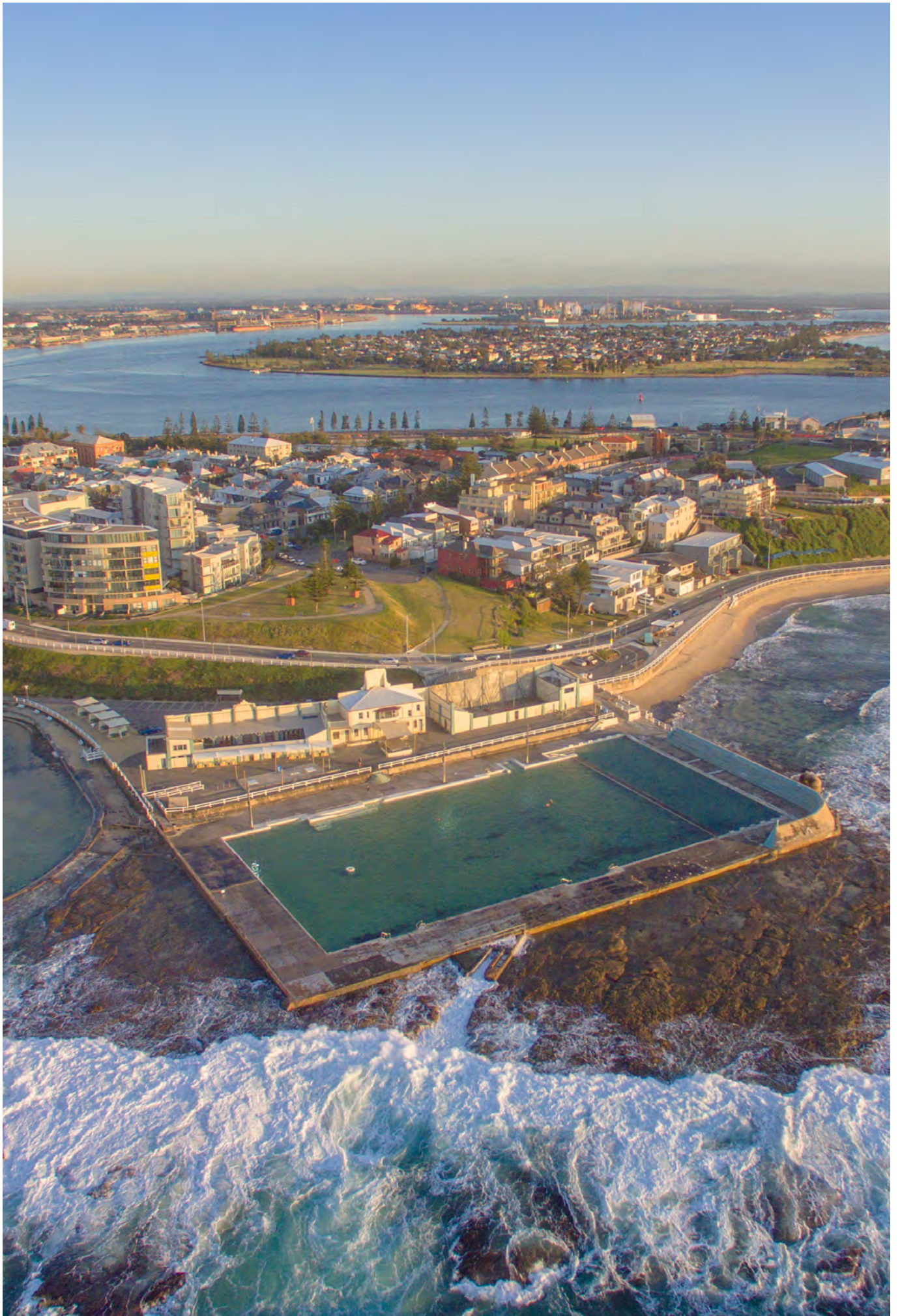
PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION  
AND SAFETY



RETAIL  
TRADE



MINING



**NEWCASTLE OCEAN BATHS**

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# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Hunter

*The Hunter region enjoys coastal and valley landscapes, internationally renowned wine production, urban and rural lifestyles and extensive mining resources. Covering 32,500 square kilometres north of Sydney and the Central Coast, it is an attractive tourist destination for visitors to New South Wales.*

### EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Nine major upgrades are planned for schools in the Hunter region, including: Ashtonfield, Newcastle East, Nulkaba, Old Bar, Rutherford, Speers Point, Wangi Wangi Public School, Belmont High School and Callaghan College Jesmond Campus.
- **\$1.5 million** in 2019-20 (\$5.7 million over two years) for the revitalisation and upgrade of public space at the Newcastle Civic Station.

### HEALTH

- **\$16.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$40 million project) for the Manning Base Hospital Stage 2.
- **\$3.5 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$780 million project) for the commencement of the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct.
- **\$2.8 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$18 million project) for the John Hunter Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Stages 2 and 3.

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- Significant investment in projects in 2019-20 include:
  - **\$47.2 million** for heavy vehicle safety and productivity and flood alleviation works on the Golden Highway (State and Federal funded)
  - **\$37.3 million** towards Nelson Bay Road improvements
  - **\$28.7 million** to continue construction of the New England Highway bypass of Scone (State and Federal funded).

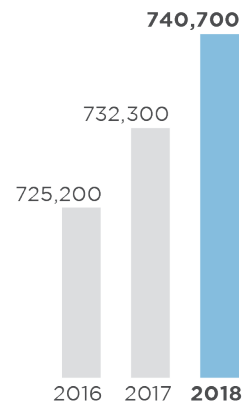
### OTHER INVESTMENTS

- **\$13.4 million** in 2019-20 allocated to developing the Hillsborough Indoor Sports Stadium.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Mid Coast, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter



**▲ 1.1%**  
POPULATION

### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE



CONSTRUCTION



RETAIL



EDUCATION



SEA CLIFF BRIDGE ALONG THE GRAND PACIFIC DRIVE, NORTHERN ILLAWARRA

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# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Illawarra-Shoalhaven

The Illawarra-Shoalhaven coastline covers an area of 5,782 square kilometres and is home to a population of 415,700. The region includes the popular towns and villages of Berry and the Kangaroo Valley and is rich in natural resources, supporting traditional mining and manufacturing sectors.

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- **\$1.2 billion** over four years to upgrade the Princes Highway south to Nowra, including the following for 2019-20:
  - **\$168.5 million** to continue construction of the Albion Park Rail bypass
  - **\$150.1 million** to continue the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade
  - **\$29.5 million** towards the new Nowra Bridge over the Shoalhaven River (State and Federal funded).

### EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- Planning for a new primary school in South Nowra and Worrigeer.
- **\$4.6 million** in 2019-20 allocated to upgrade the Wollongong Public School.

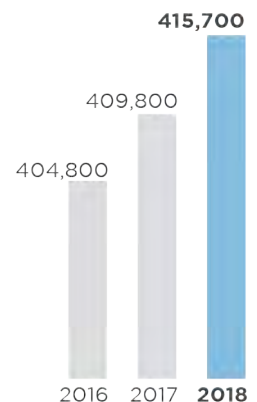
### HEALTH

- **\$55.9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$378.6 million project) for the Shellharbour Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1 (includes \$128 million Federal contribution).
- **\$9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$37.1 million project) for the completion of Bulli Hospital Aged Care Centre of Excellence.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong



**▲1.4%**  
POPULATION

### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE  
AND SOCIAL  
ASSISTANCE



EDUCATION



CONSTRUCTION



RETAIL  
TRADE



**NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY, GLEN INNES**  
*Photo credit: Simon Scott / Destination NSW*

# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## *New England and North West*

*Located about halfway between Sydney and Brisbane, the New England and North West region covers an area of 97,506 square kilometres. Landscapes range from the highly productive floodplains in the west to the volcanic rainforest tablelands and cliffs in the east. The region is known for its diverse economy, rich in mineral, energy and renewable resources.*

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- The focus for 2019-20 includes:
  - **\$54.3 million** to continue construction of the Newell Highway heavy duty pavement upgrade between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla (State and Federal funded)
  - **\$30.4 million** to continue construction of the New England Highway upgrade at Bolivia Hill (State and Federal funded)
  - **\$19.6 million** to continue construction of the second road-over-rail bridge at Gunnedah.

### EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- Upgrade to Tamworth Public School.

### HEALTH

- **\$19.8 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$60 million project) for the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment.

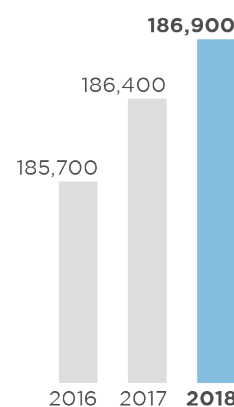
### OTHER INVESTMENT

- Upgrades to the Food Fibre Research Station at Tamworth.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha



**▲ 0.3%**  
POPULATION

### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE



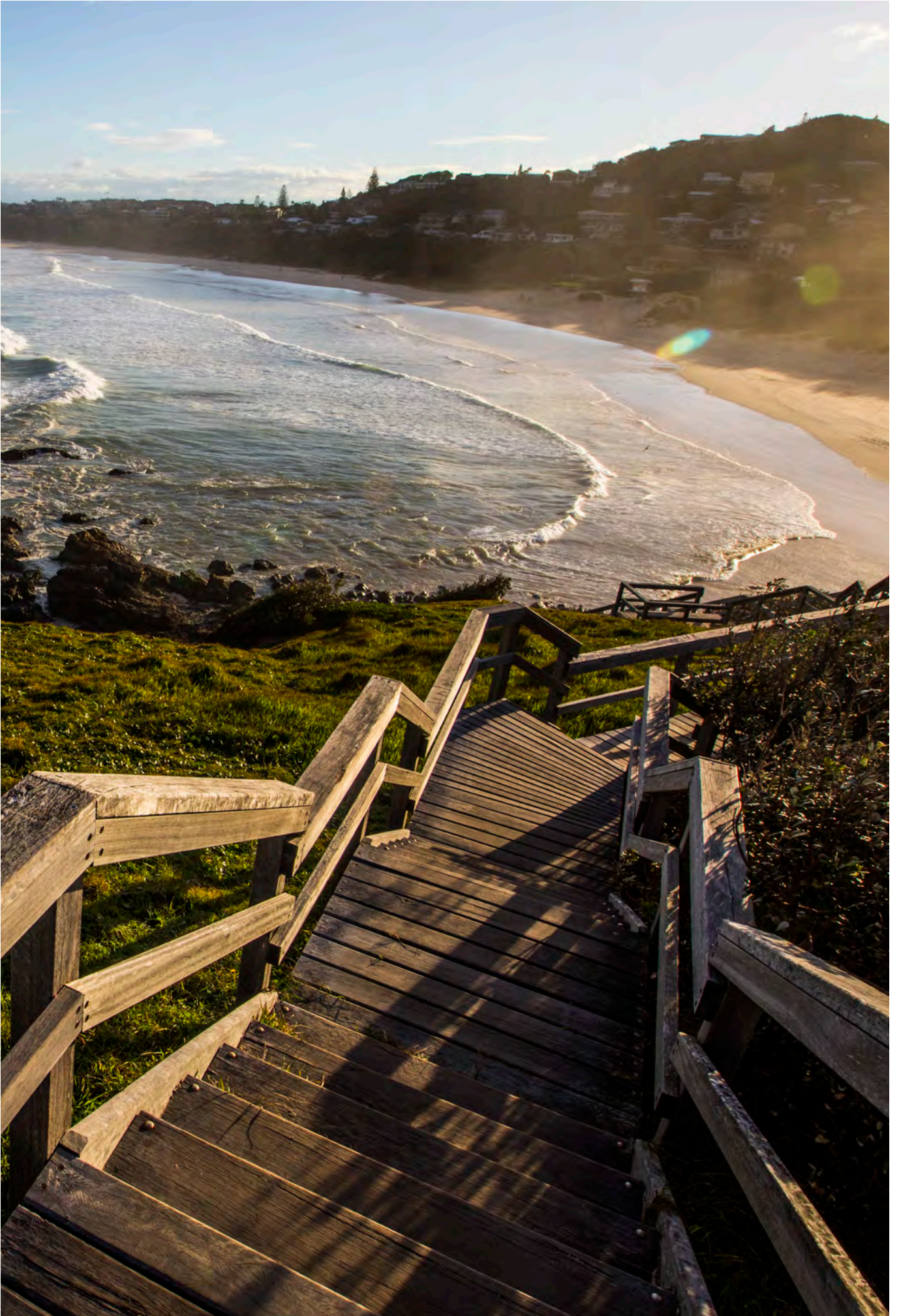
AGRICULTURE



RETAIL  
TRADE



EDUCATION



**PORT MACQUARIE COASTAL WALK, PORT MACQUARIE**  
*Photo credit: Dallas Kilponen / Destination NSW*

# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## North Coast

*The North Coast encompasses numerous seaside communities and is home to a population of 524,700. Covering an area of 31,357 square kilometres, the North Coast enjoys distinctive and natural beauty, wildlife and heritage creating an area rich in character for residents and visitors.*

### HEALTH

- **\$97.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$582.1 million project) for the Tweed hospital and integrated Ambulatory Services.
- **\$53 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$312.8 million project) for the redevelopment of Lismore Hospital (Stages 3A, 3B and 3C).
- **\$52.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$194 million project) for the expansion of Coffs Harbour Hospital.
- **\$41.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$73 million project) for the Macksville Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$17.5 million project) for the Grafton Ambulatory Care Centre redevelopment.

### JUSTICE

- Funding to purchase land and build a new fire station in Kingscliff.
- The provision of planning funding for a new co-located Fire and Rescue New South Wales and Ambulance Station in Lismore.

### EDUCATION

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Various upgrades throughout the region's education network are planned for 2019-20, including:
  - Twelve major upgrades are planned including schools in Murwillumbah, Kingscliff, Tweed Heads, Lennox Head, Pottsville Beach, Lake Cathie, Coffs Harbour, Wauchope and Byron Bay.

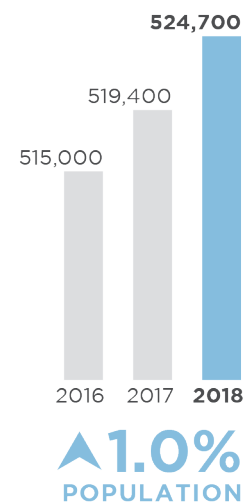
### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- The following works are planned for 2019-20:
  - **\$792.3 million** to continue construction of the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina (State and Federal funded)
  - **\$25.7 million** to complete construction of the additional bridge over the Clarence River at Grafton
  - **\$23.4 million** for planning and preconstruction activities for the Pacific Highway bypass of Coffs Harbour (State and Federal funded).



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley and Tweed



### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE



CONSTRUCTION



RETAIL TRADE



TOURISM



**BUNDIYI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL TOURS IN WAGGA WAGGA**  
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# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Riverina Murray

*Situated along the Victorian and Australian Capital Territory borders, the Riverina Murray covers 114,374 square kilometres. The region's river systems support productive and scenic rural lands and rich natural resources provide for a diverse economy.*

### HEALTH

- **\$71.3 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$431.4 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$20 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department Expansion.
- **\$14.2 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$250 million project) for the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$3.5 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$50 million project) for the Tumut Hospital Redevelopment.

### JUSTICE

- **\$1.2 million** allocated in 2019-20 for the upgrade and refurbishment of Griffith Court.

### EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- New primary school in Wagga Wagga.

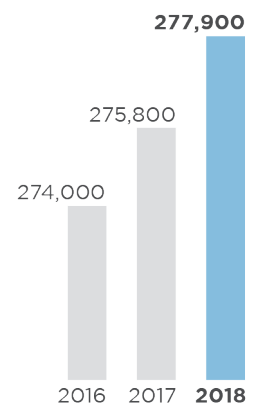
### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- **\$35.9 million** in 2019-20 for the New South Wales Government's contribution towards the new Cobb Highway bridge over the Murray River between Echuca and Moama.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Albury, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga



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### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE



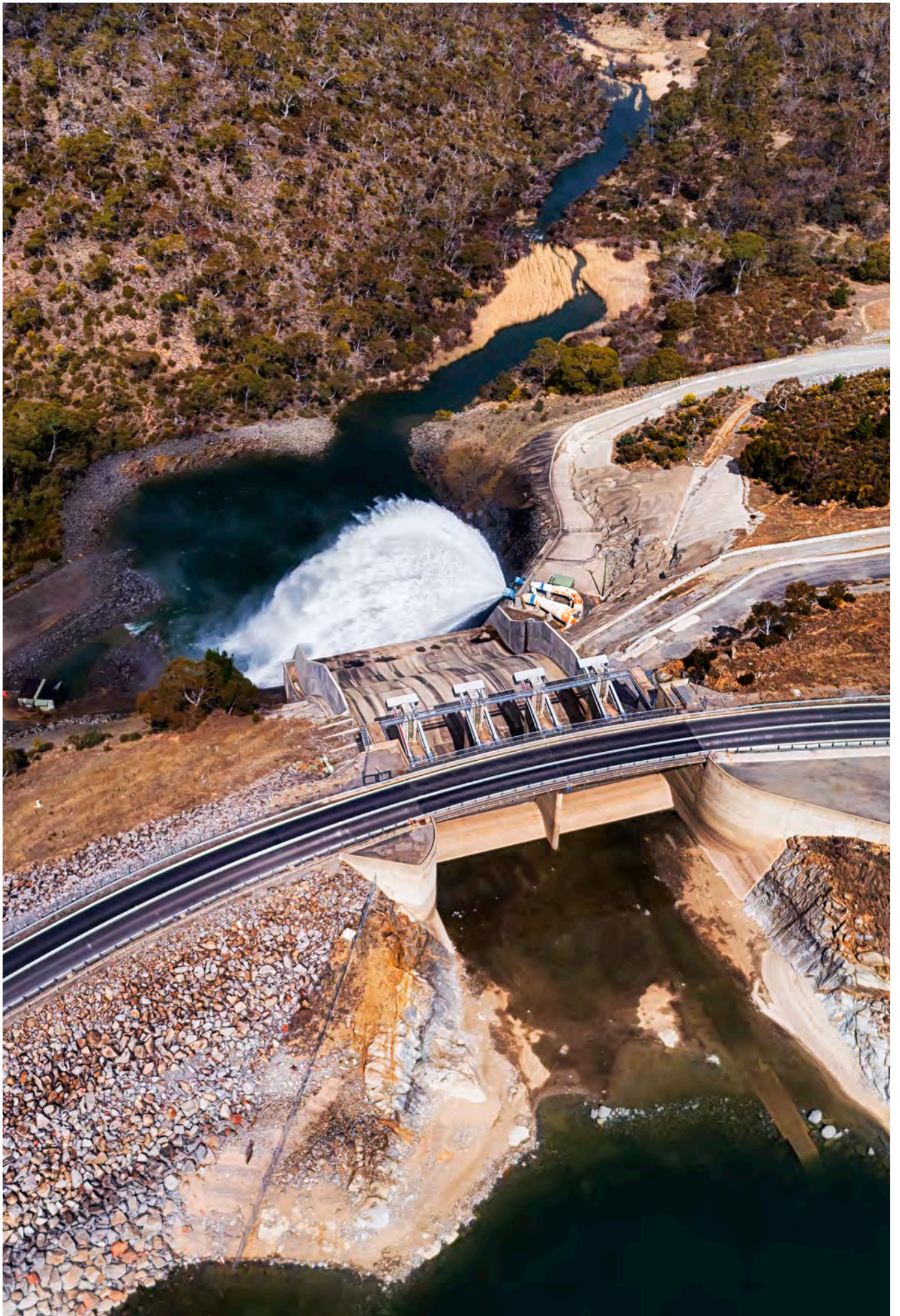
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TRADE



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JINDABYNE DAM, SOUTH EAST AND TABLELANDS

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# REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

## South East and Tablelands

The South East and Tablelands is home to more than 278,400 residents and covers an area of 54,245 square kilometres. Extending from a coastline to the east, the Snowy Mountains to the west and heartland east of the Great Dividing Range, the South East and Tablelands has a rich and diverse geography.

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- Improvements to road networks in the region in 2019-20 include:
  - \$88 million** to continue construction of the Princes Highway Batemans Bay Bridge replacement
  - \$59.4 million** to continue Barton Highway improvements (State and Federal funded)
  - \$31 million** to complete construction of the Ellerton Drive extension to provide a bypass of the Queanbeyan central business district (State, Federal and Local Government funded)
  - \$4 million** to commence new \$20 million improvement programs on each of the Kings and Monaro Highways to improve safety.

### HEALTH

- \$47.3 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$120.0 million project) for the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment.
- \$42.2 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$68.7 million project) for the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment.
- \$9.3 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$18.6 million project) for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment.

### JUSTICE

- New police stations to be built over three years commencing on 1 July 2020, including:
  - \$25 million** for a new police station in Goulburn
  - \$13 million** for three new police stations in the Jindabyne area
  - \$13 million** for a new police station in Bega.
- \$9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$18 million project) committed to refurbish and upgrade the Queanbeyan Court House.

### SPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

- \$32 million** over three years to continue upgrades and improvements to the Snowies Iconic Great Walk, Murramarang South Coast Walk, Thredbo Valley Track and Light to Light Great Walk.
- \$7 million** allocated in 2019-20 to develop the Goulburn Aquatic Centre.

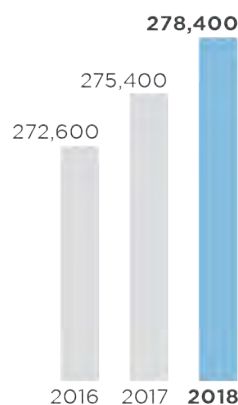
### EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- Government election commitments include high schools at Bungendore and Jerrabomberra as well as an upgrade of Queanbeyan West Public School and Yass High School.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan Palerang, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee and Yass Valley

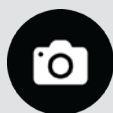


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### KEY INDUSTRIES



HEALTH CARE



TOURISM



PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION



CONSTRUCTION



RIVERCAT FERRY ALONG THE PARRAMATTA RIVER

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# SUPPORTING Western Sydney

*Framed by the State's protected Natural Area and Metropolitan Rural Area, Western Sydney is home to over a third of the New South Wales population and is one of the fastest growing areas of the State.*

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY

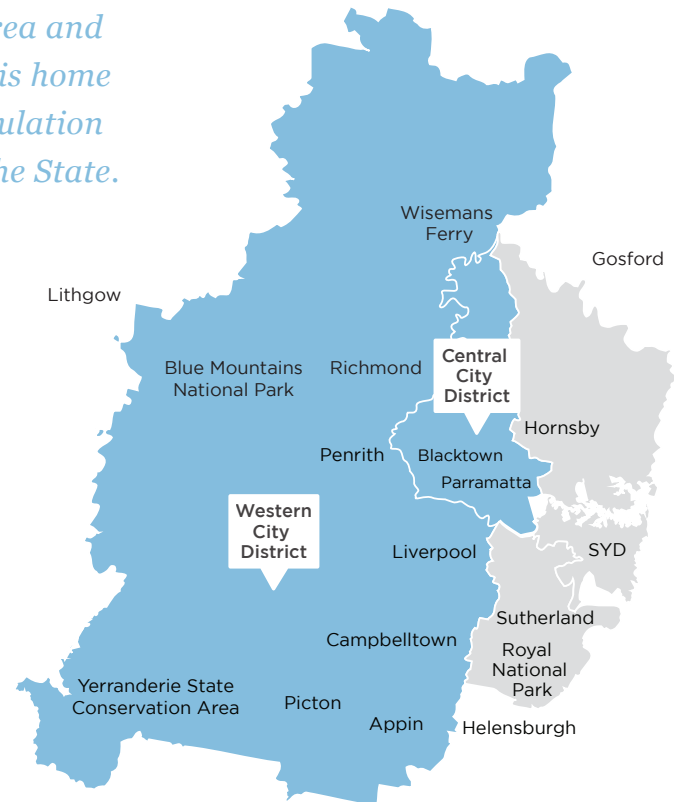
**An emerging 30-minute city, with public transport bringing residents and jobs closer together.**

- **\$2.2 billion** over four years towards More Trains More Services delivering world class digital systems, enhanced fleet procurement, station upgrades and other infrastructure upgrades.
- **\$1.7 billion** over four years for New South Wales and Federal Government funded road upgrades to support the new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek including the Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith and the M12 Motorway.

## CREATING JOBS AND SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

**Access to education and skills training to harness new investment and knowledge-intensive jobs.**

- **\$79.6 million** over four years to deliver a new Western Sydney 'Mega TAFE' specialising in construction trades. It will provide modern facilities that support the delivery of specialised training in construction trades including carpentry, electrical and plumbing.
- **\$4.3 million** over four years to provide a co-working startup hub in Western Sydney. This will provide subsidised and affordable work spaces and programs for businesses and start-ups.



## BUILDING A LIVEABLE AND SUSTAINABLE CITY

**Integrating the unique and natural assets for an even more liveable and sustainable community.**

- Significant New South Wales and Federal Government investment in the Western Sydney International (NancyBird Walton) Airport and surrounding Western Sydney Aerotropolis. This entails significant infrastructure investment as well as planning for future skills, jobs and educational opportunities, supporting industries to leverage the new airport.
- Strategic planning for the region will ensure green and open spaces are embedded in future planning to create high amenity for existing and future residents.



**BIKERIDING THROUGH PARRAMATTA PARK, PARRAMATTA**

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# WESTERN SYDNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Western Sydney

*The New South Wales Government is investing in initiatives that focus on better connecting Western Sydney, supporting a skilled community, delivering world-class healthcare and continuing to make Western Sydney a great place to live.*

### ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- Delivery of North South Metro Rail Link (St Marys to the Aerotropolis) was jointly committed by the New South Wales and Federal Governments through the Western Sydney City Deal.
- **\$631 million** to be spent on New South Wales and Federal Government funded road upgrades to support the new Western Sydney Airport, key allocations in 2019-20 include:
  - **\$404 million** towards upgrading The Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith
  - **\$145.3 million** towards planning and preconstruction activities for the M12 Motorway.
- **\$561 million** in 2019-20 on the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1, linking Westmead and Carlingford through the Parramatta CBD.
- **\$107.4 million** in 2019-20 on the M4 Smart Motorway, a motorway management system, being introduced on the M4 Motorway between Parramatta and Penrith to increase trip reliability and improve road safety.
- **\$69.6 million** over four years to reduce the Opal Weekly Travel cap by approximately 20 per cent to \$50 per week for adults and \$25 per week for child/youth and concession travel from 1 July 2019 for all train, bus, ferry and light rail customers. This will benefit approximately 55,000 commuters with savings up to \$686 a year. All other Opal benefits already in place will remain.

### HEALTH

- **\$286.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$832.3 million project) for Stage 1 of the Westmead Hospital Redevelopment.
- **\$196.2 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$550 million project) for the Nepean Hospital and integrated ambulatory services redevelopment.

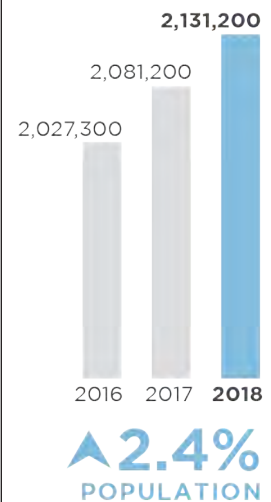
- **\$108.3 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$632 million project) for Stage 2 of the Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment (including the Mental Health and South West Paediatric services).
- **\$66.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$95 million project) for Stage 1 of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, with \$8.2 million in 2019-20 (as part of a \$619 million project) to commence Stage 2.
- **\$41.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$740 million project) for the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct.
- **\$34.9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$655.2 million project) for Stage 2 of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals expansion.

### OTHER INVESTMENTS

- The creation of a new master-planning and delivery agency for the Western Parkland City (the Western City and Aerotropolis Authority), which will undertake planning for key strategic sites in the Western Parkland City.
- The New South Wales Government will progress formal commercial negotiations with a number of organisations including Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Hitachi (three of Japan's biggest multinationals), Northrop Grumman, Vitex Pharmaceuticals, Sydney Markets, NUW Alliance (University of Newcastle, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong) and Western Sydney University to establish a presence in the Aerotropolis.
- **\$60 million** (2018-19 to 2020-21) towards developing local community initiatives under the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, a joint initiative with the Federal Government and various local councils. Round one projects include:
  - new community amenities and upgrades to parks and recreational areas in the Blue Mountains

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, City of Parramatta, Cumberland, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Hills, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly





SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY'S CAMPBELLTOWN CAMPUS

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THE SPRINTER M4 MOTORWAY

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## WESTERN SYDNEY HIGHLIGHTS

### *Western Sydney cont.*

- development of three sport and recreation facilities in the Camden area
- upgrade of the Fairfield showground
- rejuvenation of the town centres of Windsor, Richmond and South Windsor
- a new community and recreational hub in Phillips Park, Lurnea
- transforming the Regatta Park precinct in Penrith
- delivery of the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands and a landmark and iconic swimming lagoon at Apex Park, Bradbury.
- **\$33.4 million** to implement the NSW Motor Sport Strategy, including \$6.4 million for a motor sport Centre for Excellence, \$16 million to install permanent lighting at the Sydney Motorsport Park and \$11 million to upgrade the Sydney International Dragway.

### KEY INDUSTRIES



RETAIL  
TRADE



HEALTH CARE  
AND SOCIAL  
ASSISTANCE



CONSTRUCTION



MANUFACTURING



GETTING  
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