



NSW BUDGET 2018-19

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

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\$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro proceeds towards regional infrastructure



\$1 billion for Safe and Secure Water program



\$300 million Environment and Tourism fund

From the pioneering early days of our modern nation, to the colourful communities and thriving industries it supports today, regional New South Wales is where you find the very essence of Australia.

This Budget makes an unprecedented investment in better services, stronger infrastructure, and greater economic opportunity for the 2.5 million people who call regional New South Wales home, providing more support today, and laying the foundations for a stronger future.

For families and farmers, from cultural infrastructure to cooler schools, sports grounds to sealed highways – this is a budget that delivers for our regions.

We are helping families in the bush to beat cost of living pressures with new initiatives like our Creative Kids voucher, and we're giving young people a stronger start with more nurses and midwives to provide better care for newborns; new support for three year olds to attend pre-school education; and upgraded PCYC facilities for young people in places like Walgett, Dubbo and Bourke.

We're backing the businesses that keep our regions strong, with more support to farmers to build up drought resilience, and payroll tax cuts that will give regional businesses the freedom to keep growing our rural workforce.

This budget also invests heavily in the infrastructure – big and small – to make regional communities great places to live, now and into the future.

We're investing to preserve and enhance national parks and nature walks at every point on the compass, and we'll continue investing in sporting and cultural infrastructure across our regions.

There are road and rail upgrades from border to border, as we improve the safety and capacity of our iconic Princes and Pacific Highways, and take two hundred thousand tonnes of freight off our country roads with rail upgrades from Junee to Griffith and Berry to Bomaderry.

Another record commitment to build new and upgraded schools and hospitals across the state will deliver new schools in regional centres like Wagga Wagga and Queanbeyan, and world-class hospitals in Griffith and Tweed. A new Rural Health Infrastructure Program will also deliver upgrades to health facilities in places like Tenterfield, Scone, Gloucester and Dungog.

The massive pipeline of regional projects is set to continue for years to come. By 30 June this year, more than **\$9 billion** in funding from Restart NSW will have been committed or reserved for regional New South Wales.

But that's just the beginning.

The sale of Snowy Hydro will enable more than **\$4 billion** for the infrastructure that will shape the future of regional New South Wales.

This massive injection will stimulate regional economies, attract investment, and create more jobs and opportunity for decades to come.

And it all starts here, with a budget – and a Liberals and Nationals government – that stands for a strong, thriving regional New South Wales.



Dominic Perrottet
NSW Treasurer



Destination NSW

Supporting our regions

Regional Strategy

The 2018-19 Budget demonstrates the Government's continued commitment to supporting growth in regional New South Wales. As well as ensuring more equitable access to services, investment in the regions will:

- improve road and rail connections to enable access to markets for regional industries
- provide health and education infrastructure which aligns with population growth
- ensure a water supply in the regions to support industry and population growth
- attract more visitors through the environment and tourism fund.

Investment in regional New South Wales is underpinned by the visions set out in the *NSW State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038*, *Future Transport 2056* and the Department of Planning and Environment's regional plans. Combined with the *Regional Development Framework*, the Premier and the State's priorities and the *NSW Intergenerational Report 2016*, the Government will take a targeted approach when selecting projects to prepare for the future.

The 2018-19 Budget delivers on these strategies through significant investment in Regional New South Wales on our roads, health and education.

Some of the Government's new and existing key regional investments are highlighted in this document.

Boosting education

- **\$13.9 million** over four years, including **\$4.7 million** in 2018-19, for Regional Industry Education Partnerships to support stronger connections between schools and industry to meet skills shortages and better facilitate school-to-work transition
- continued funding for the Rural and Remote Early Childhood Teaching Scholarship programs that help early childhood educators in preschools and long day care services upgrade their diploma qualification to a four-year degree
- addition of a fleet of Mobile Training Units and the continuing development of TAFE NSW Connected Learning Centres, to provide more students across regional and rural communities with access to a wider range of courses
- funding for school redevelopments and upgrades including the Armidale Secondary School, Ballina High School, Jindabyne Central School and upgrade of Kingscliff Public School and High School.

Improving road safety

- **\$314.7 million** in 2018-19 to improve road safety, including a significant increase in investment through the Road Safety Plan 2021 targeting regional areas where most fatalities occur. This includes 50 additional NSW Police Force highway patrol officers for regional New South Wales and additional regional speeding enforcement.

Enriching lives

This budget recognises the impact cultural and social activities can have on quality of life.

Funding includes:

- **\$135.8 million** in 2018-19 for the Stronger Country Communities Fund to deliver local community infrastructure in regional New South Wales
- **\$100.0 million** for the Regional Sport Infrastructure Fund to increase the number and quality of regional sporting facilities
- **\$30.0 million** in 2018-19 (**\$87.9 million** over three years) from the Regional Cultural Fund to support development of arts and cultural activities in our regions
- **\$39.2 million** over four years to replace and refurbish Police Citizens Youth Clubs across New South Wales. This includes replacement clubs in Wagga Wagga, Walgett and Dubbo and the upgrade of five regional clubs in Albury, Bourke, Griffith, Kempsey and Moree.

Expanding production

- As part of the **\$500.0 million** Regional Growth Activation Fund – Growing Local Economies funding has been committed for the Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange and the Hunter Pilot Biorefinery
- **\$250.0 million** in loans through the Farm Innovation Fund to build drought resilience and invest in on-farm infrastructure
- **\$71.8 million** (over four years) to support the sustainability of the State's **\$2.4 billion** forestry, sawmilling and wood/paper product manufacturing industries. This includes **\$34.0 million** for a concessional loan scheme to drive innovation, **\$24.0 million** to Forestry Corporation of NSW to invest in new plantations, **\$9.2 million** for forest mapping and monitoring, and **\$4.6 million** for contractor training and accreditation
- **\$50.0 million** allocated towards agricultural productivity and supporting world class food and fibre production through upgrading agricultural research stations across rural and regional NSW
- **\$24.4 million** reserved for the construction of the Doppler Weather Radars in central and western New South Wales. An additional **\$800,000** has also been committed for the operation of the radars. The radars will ensure regional communities have adequate warning for extreme weather conditions.

Empowering Aboriginal communities

- **\$7.6 million** in 2018-19 with **\$33.1 million** over four years on the Aboriginal Social Housing Strategy
- **\$22.3 million** in 2018-19 to support the work of Aboriginal Affairs, including Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment (OCHRE) initiatives
- **\$2.8 million** in 2018-19 to establish Australia's first of an Aboriginal Languages Trust under the *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017*, to provide focused, coordinated and sustained effort in relation to Aboriginal languages at local, regional and state levels
- **\$2.5 million** in 2018-19 with **\$10.0 million** over four years for social impact investment in Aboriginal economic development opportunities.

Quality, accessible services

- Additional funding in 2018-19 for our health services across the state including in regional NSW:
 - 100 more midwives to support maternity service growth across the state
 - five additional Family Care Centre Hubs in rural and regional locations
 - investment in drug and alcohol services for prevention and harm-minimisation programs
 - a new Rural Health Infrastructure Program, which will provide capacity to undertake upgrades at Tenterfield, Dungog, Scone and Gloucester.
- the **\$50.0 million** Regional Growth Economic Activation Fund – Connecting Country Communities includes **\$20.0 million** has been committed for Mobile Black Spots and **\$9.0 million** for the Regional Digital Connectivity Project in 2018-19
- **\$15.9 million** over three years for the Regional Small Police Station Program to redevelop police stations in regional locations across New South Wales including Adelong, Braidwood, Tea Gardens, South West Rocks, Tullamore, Collarenebri and Bonalbo
- **\$9.0 million** over two years from Local Land Services Future Fund to implement digital delivery services and front of house customer service initiatives
- **\$7.4 million** in 2018-19 to complete the conversion of the motor registry network to Service NSW centres in rural and regional locations across the state.

Building and connecting growing economies

Railways, bridges and roads will continue to be upgraded to connect regions with cities, make for faster movement of goods and improve access for visitors. This includes funding in 2018-19 of:

- **\$199.4 million** to enhance road freight productivity in regional New South Wales, including bridge construction as part of the Bridges for the Bush program at Tabulam, Echuca-Moama bridge over the Murray River, and Barrington Bridge near Gloucester. Improvement programs are also counting on the Golden Highway, Gocup Road between Tumut and Gundagai and on the Oxley Highway
- **\$1.9 billion** on regional capacity enhancements in 2018-19 including:
 - **\$1.2 billion** to continue the Pacific Highway upgrade program
 - **\$244.3 million** for upgrades of the Princes Highway, including commencing the Princes Highway upgrade between Berry and Bomaderry, the bypass of Albion Park Rail, a replacement bridge at Batemans Bay as well as completing planning for the new Shoalhaven River bridge at Nowra
 - **\$168.2 million** for Central Coast roads, which includes continuation of the M1 Pacific Motorway widening between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges and between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges, and commencing the Pacific highway widening between Lisarow and Ourimbah
 - **\$138.1 million** for projects and programs on roads in regional New South Wales, including safety and realignment works on the Oxley Highway
 - **\$87.0 million** on freight rail infrastructure upgrades, including **\$33.5 million** for the Fixing Country Rail program designed to enhance rail infrastructure and eliminate connectivity constraints affecting regional freight services
 - **\$31.3 million** to continue procurement of the Regional Rail Fleet Program to replace the aging XPT, XPLOER and Endeavour trains and create a better, safer, more comfortable and reliable service for customers travelling long distances.
- **\$1.5 billion** for bus services throughout New South Wales, including regional bus services

Vibrant visitor economy

- **\$300.0 million** is available for the Environment and Tourism fund, with **\$142.3 million** already committed for specific projects. This includes:
 - **\$17.2 million** for the Snowies Iconic Great Walk
 - **\$11.0 million** towards Murray River Experience
 - **\$9.9 million** for the Thredbo Valley Track Extension
 - **\$8.5 million** for the Jenolan project
 - **\$7.9 million** for the Light to Light Great Walk
 - **\$6.3 million** towards the Scone Aviation Visitor Attraction centre
 - **\$5.0 million** towards the Wagga Wagga Riverside Precinct Rejuvenation
 - **\$4.6 million** for the Winnie Bay Cliff Top Walk
 - **\$3.6 million** for the Murramarang South Coast Walk
 - **\$3.0 million** for the Port Stephens Koala Hospital and Tourism Facility
- funding for Destination NSW to support delivery of the Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan, including **\$54.0 million** to promote regional NSW as a tourism and event destination.

Ensuring a safe and secure water supply

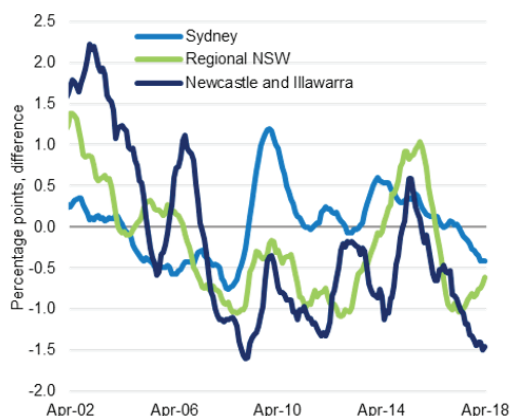
Continued delivery of the **\$1.0 billion** Safe and Secure Water program funding for critical water and sewerage infrastructure projects, underpinning the future growth and sustainability of regional communities.

Prospering regional economies¹

In regional New South Wales, employment growth has accelerated over the past three years, averaging 2.4 per cent annually, well above the long-run average of 1.5 per cent. This growth has been concentrated in full-time employment, which has accounted for more than 66 per cent of additional jobs in the regions. Regional female employment growth has been particularly impressive, growing by 3.6 per cent annually over the past three years, accounting for 70 per cent of total regional employment growth.

Strong employment growth has contributed to a significant fall in the regional unemployment rate from its post-mining boom peak of 7.3 per cent in 2015, to 5.7 per cent currently. This is 0.6 percentage points below its long-term level.

The regional unemployment rate is well below its long-run average^(a)



Source: ABS 6291.0.55.001 and NSW Treasury
^(a) Unemployment rate deviation from long-run average

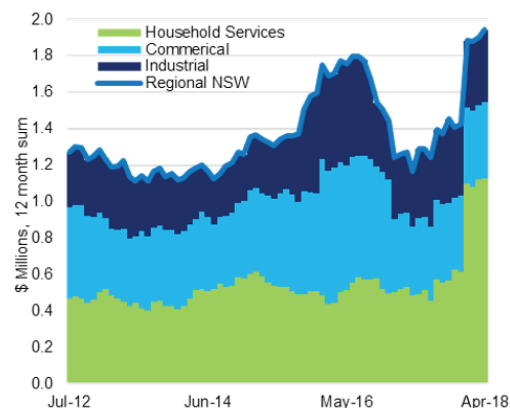
Solid labour market conditions, affordable housing and attractive lifestyles are enticing more people from Sydney, Newcastle and the Illawarra to regional areas—in net terms 13,000 people made the move in 2016-17. Around 57 per cent of this flow was to three regions—the Mid North Coast, the Hunter Valley (excluding Newcastle) and the Central Coast.

This trend is expected to continue as job vacancies for these regions (including Newcastle) rose by 17.2 per cent, on average, over the year to April 2018.

This migration and strong employment growth are driving demand for housing outside of Sydney. The value of residential building approvals in regional New South Wales is at a record high of **\$4.5 billion** over the last year. The Hunter Valley (excluding Newcastle), Central Coast and Richmond Tweed account for 38.8 per cent of demand.

Private non-residential building approvals are also at a record high in regional areas. Increased demand for services has seen annual approvals for household service-related buildings double over the past year. This growth has been concentrated in the Coffs Harbour-Grafton and the Mid North Coast areas.

Household services supporting non-residential building approvals^(a)



Source: ABS 8731.0 and NSW Treasury
^(a) Private sector building approvals

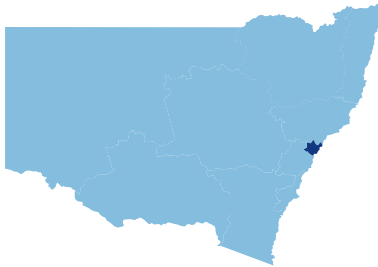
Strong labour markets, attractive living conditions and record construction activity demonstrate that, assisted by right policies, the State's regional areas can flourish.

¹ Regional geography (regions exclude Sydney, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie and Illawarra, but includes the Central Coast) and all figures are presented on an annual average basis.



Artist impression - Gosford Hospital

Central Coast



Local Government Authorities:

Central Coast

Population (2017):

338,000

Key industries:

Health care and social assistance, construction, retail trade

With an area of 1,824 square kilometres, the Central Coast is home to beachside communities, vibrant suburbs and rural villages. Its proximity to Sydney and Newcastle gives it a unique competitive advantage.

The NSW Government is investing in better services and promoting economic growth in the region.

Regional highlights

Health and education infrastructure:

- continuing works on the **\$348.0 million** redevelopment of Gosford Hospital with **\$24.2 million** allocated in 2018-19 and **\$7.3 million** to continue the **\$35.5 million** Gosford Hospital car park
- continuing works on the **\$200.0 million** redevelopment of Wyong Hospital with **\$23.5 million** allocated in 2018-19
- commencing the **\$10.2 million** Wyong Hospital car park with **\$6.5 million** allocated in 2018-19
- funding for works on the upgrade of Wamberal and Terrigal Public Schools and a new school at Warnervale.

Roads and infrastructure:

- **\$168.2 million** in 2018-19 for road improvements, including:
 - **\$127.3 million** for continuing construction on the M1 between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges, the Kariong and Somersby interchanges and the Pacific Highway widening between Lisarow and Ourimbah
 - **\$23.5 million** to commence widening the Pacific Highway to four lanes between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow
 - **\$6.5 million** towards upgrading the intersection of Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochroane Street at Kincumber
 - **\$3.0 million** for planning intersection improvements on Central Coast roads at Gosford.

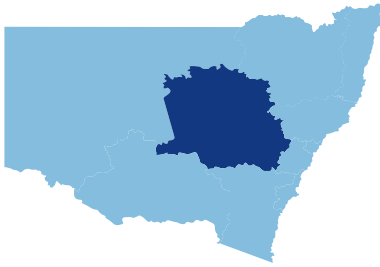
Other infrastructure initiatives:

- Commitment from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund including **\$4.6 million** towards the Winnie Bay Cliff Top Walk and **\$2.9 million** towards the proposed Boardwalk Terrigal Beach to the Haven
- **\$1.8 million** in 2018-19 to continue the **\$2.0 million** renovation and extension of the Kariong Fire Station
- **\$1.0 million** in 2018-19 to commence the upgrade of the **\$3.5 million** Gosford Police Station.



Orana Burrendong Dam

Central West and Orana



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

Population (2017):

287,000

Key industries:

Agriculture, forestry, fishing, retail trade, health care and social assistance

The Central West and Orana region of New South Wales lies at the heart of our State. It is the second-largest region in the State, covering an area of 125,666 square kilometres. The region features diverse landscapes including part of the iconic Great Dividing Range.

Investment in this region will support the sustainable use of and access to natural resources through continued funding for the development partnership with the Grains Research and Development Corporation. New and continuing investment in health, education and roads will also ensure access to quality services and infrastructure.

Regional highlights

In 2018-19 roads and infrastructure investments including the following:

- **\$20.0 million** for continued delivery of overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway
- **\$6.3 million** to continue planning for the new Dubbo bridge on the Newell Highway over the Macquarie River
- **\$4.6 million** has been committed as part of the Resources for the Regions Program for stage four of the South Orange Economic Development Corridor (Anson Street to Pinnacle Road)
- **\$2.4 million** for planning the Newell Highway upgrade at Parkes
- commencement of construction for the replacement of the bridge over Lignum Creek at Marsden (Bridges for the Bush).

Health and education infrastructure:

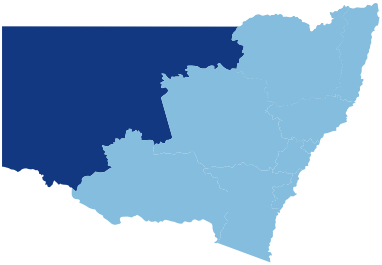
- **\$59.2 million** in 2018-19 to continue Stage 3&4 of the Dubbo Hospital redevelopment with **\$150.0 million** estimated total cost
- Commencing the **\$35.0 million** Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo with **\$6.0 million** allocated in 2018-19 (**\$25.0 million** Commonwealth contribution)
- **\$25.0 million** in 2018-19 to continue construction of Mudgee Hospital
- Funding to partner with Tresillian to establish a Family Care Centre Hub in Dubbo
- funding to continue the construction of the Dubbo Networked Specialist School and upgrade of the Coolah Central School
- funding for a TAFE Connected Learning Centre at Grenfell.

Other infrastructure:

- **\$7.0 million** to support Local Land Services' Biodiversity Reforms
- Commitment from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund including **\$8.5 million** towards the Jenolan Caves renovation and **\$1.0 million** towards the Mount Panorama Boardwalk.



Far West



Local Government Authorities:

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

Population (2017):

44,237

Key industries:

Agriculture, forestry, fishing, retail trade, health care and social assistance

The Far West region of New South Wales borders South Australia, Victoria and Queensland. It is made up of small communities separated by long distances. Investments made in this Budget will help the region address unique challenges posed by its location and sparse population.

Work is well underway on the 270km Wentworth to Broken Hill Pipeline. This is the largest investment into regional water security on record and will provide long-term water security for Broken Hill and surrounding districts. Construction is due to be complete by December 2018.

Broken Hill Hospital is being upgraded to include reconfiguration of its ambulatory care wing to expand cancer care services and consolidate waiting areas for patients.

Regional highlights

Health infrastructure:

- **\$5.1 million** in 2018-19 to continue the Broken Hill Hospital and Dental Facility Reconfiguration
- funding to partner with Tresillian to establish a Family Care Centre Hub in Broken Hill.

Enriching lives:

- funding as part of a four-year package to replace Police Citizens Youth Clubs across New South Wales including replacement clubs in Walgett and Bourke
- funding confirmed as part of the Stronger Country Communities fund towards the following projects:
 - Brewarrina Pool facilities upgrade
 - replacement of lights at Larkin Oval and installing new lights over netball courts at Nyngan
 - upgrading existing netball courts in Coonamble
 - replacing Curlwaa Memorial Hall.

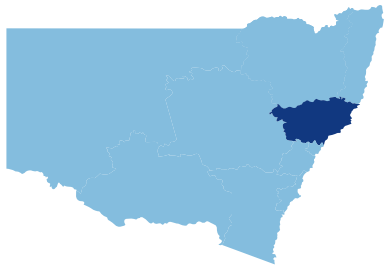
Other infrastructure:

- **\$194.5 million** in 2018-19 towards the Broken Hill Pipeline
- **\$26.7 million** in 2018-19 for the ongoing sealing of the Silver City and Cobb Highways to provide all-weather and more durable highways in the region
- funding for a redevelopment of the Broken Hill Police Station as part of the Multipurpose Police Station Program
- **\$667,000** for the Broken Hill Core Library upgrade
- funding for a TAFE Connected Learning Centre at Bourke.



Morpeth Flower Gallery

Hunter



Local Government Authorities:

Cessnock, Dungog, Maitland, Mid Coast, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens, Singleton and Upper Hunter

** excluding Newcastle*

Population (2017):

366,484

Key industries:

Mining, health care and social assistance, retail trade

The Hunter region ranges from vineyards and cellar doors to defence and associated manufacturing operations. The region covers 32,500 square kilometres north of Sydney and the Central Coast. The Government is delivering better hospitals, schools, roads, internet connectivity, among other initiatives.

Regional highlights

Health infrastructure:

- continued investment in the construction of the **\$470.0 million** Maitland Hospital with **\$23.5 million** allocated in 2018-19
- **\$9.1 million** in 2018-19 as part of the **\$40.0 million** Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment
- funding as part of the Rural Health Infrastructure Program to undertake upgrade of facilities at Dungog, Scone and Gloucester.
- establishing a Family Care Centre Hub in Taree.

Roads and infrastructure investment in 2018-19 including:

- **\$38.0 million** to continue the New England Highway Scone Bypass
- **\$48.1 million** for heavy vehicle safety and productivity and flood alleviation works on the Golden Highway
- **\$16.3 million** to continue upgrading the intersection of the M1 Pacific Motorway with John Renshaw Drive and Weakleys Drive
- **\$8.3 million** to commence upgrades at Nelson Bay road and plan for future improvements.

Boosting education:

- school upgrades including Hunter Sports High School and Bolwarra Public School
- funding for TAFE Connected Learning Centres at Scone and Singleton.

Vibrant visitor economy:

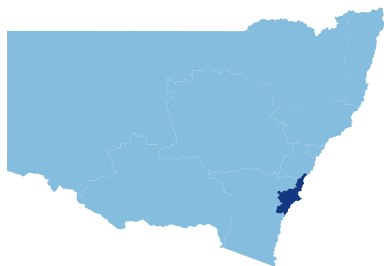
- **\$3.0 million** from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund to go towards the Port Stephens Koala Hospital and Tourism Facility
- **\$7.1 million** over four years for the Tomaree Coastal Walk.

Other infrastructure:

- **\$10.7 million** in 2018-19 to continue the upgrade of the Taree Police Station
- Resources for Regions – commitments for the Denman Revitalisation Project and the Upper Hunter Regional Mine Affected Roads Program
- new and continuing funding to enhance water and wastewater infrastructure across communities.

Illawarra – Shoalhaven

Saddleback Mountain, Kiama



Local Government Authorities:

Kiama, Shellharbour and Shoalhaven

** excluding Wollongong*

Population (2017):

196,289

Key industries:

Health care and social assistance, retail trade, construction

Illawarra – Shoalhaven's coastline is home to a population of more than 190,000. The Government is investing in health care, emergency services and schools as well as promoting economic growth by investing in tourism infrastructure including upgrading Minnamurra Rainforest Centre in Budderoo National Park and funding to revitalise the Shoalhaven heads foreshore.

Regional highlights

Health and education infrastructure:

- **\$12.7 million** in 2018-19 to complete the Bulli Hospital Aged Care Centre of Excellence
- **\$30.0 million** in 2018-19 to continue the redevelopment of Shellharbour Hospital
- **\$5.5 million** in 2018-19 to complete Shoalhaven Hospital car park
- planning future works for the Shoalhaven (Nowra) Hospital
- funding to continue works at Gwynneville and Dapto Public Schools.

Roads and infrastructure investment in 2018-19 including:

- **\$101.0 million** to commence construction of the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade
- **\$65.6 million** to commence construction of the Albion Park Rail bypass
- **\$15.3 million** to continue planning for the new Nowra Bridge over Shoalhaven River.

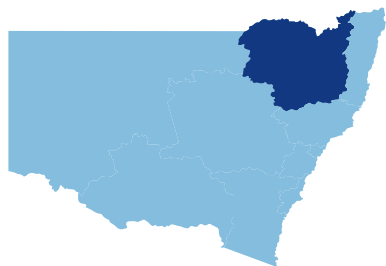
Vibrant visitor economy:

- **\$2.5 million** in 2018-19 to continue the Minnamurra Rainforest Centre – Infrastructure and Experience Invigoration
- **\$1.0 million** for Shoalhaven Heads River Road Foreshore Precinct as part of the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund.

Protecting our communities:

- **\$3.3 million** in 2018-19 to complete Bay and Basin Police Station
- **\$600,000** in 2018-19 to replace the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning at Nowra Police station.

New England and North West



Local Government Authorities:

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

Population (2017):

186,000

Key industries:

Health care and social assistance, education and training, agriculture, forestry, fishing

The New England and North West region lies on the border of Queensland, covering an area of 97,506 square kilometres. Landscapes in the region range from volcanic rainforest tablelands and cliffs in the east to the highly productive floodplains in the west.

The Government is investing in schools, hospitals and police stations to deliver better services in the region, as well as investment in roads and infrastructure to ensure smoother and safer connections.

Regional highlights

Health and education infrastructure:

- continuing works at Lismore Hospital Redevelopment with **\$45.9 million** allocated in 2018-19
- continuing works at Inverell Hospital with **\$21.0 million** allocated in 2018-19. This includes an increase of the estimated total cost in 2018-19 to expand the scope of the project
- funding as part of the Rural Health Infrastructure Program to upgrade health facilities at Tenterfield
- funding for school upgrades including the Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and the Armidale Secondary College, a new school for approximately 1,500 students from Armidale High School and Duval High School.

Roads and infrastructure investment in 2018-19 including:

- **\$26.7 million** to commence construction of the Newell Highway heavy-duty pavement upgrade between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla
- **\$20.0 million** to commence construction of the New England Highway upgrade at Bolivia Hill
- **\$18.1 million** for the Keepit Dam Upgrade.

Protecting our communities:

- **\$3.4 million** in 2018-19 to complete the Gunnedah Police Station.

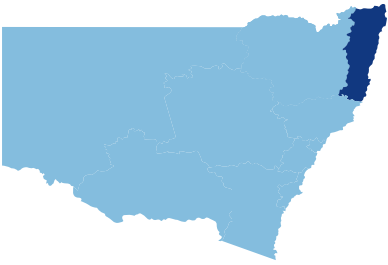
Enriching lives:

- funding as part of the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the Viaduct Park Youth Creation Hub, Tamworth
- **\$1.8 million** from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund to go towards the Astronomy Science Centre, Planetarium and Cafe in Tamworth.



Clarence Valley Environmental Learning Facility (ELF)

North Coast



Local Government Authorities:

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

Population (2017):

517,000

Key industries:

Construction, retail trade, health care and social assistance

The North Coast is a long string of seaside communities with a heavy focus on tourism and is the most biologically diverse region in New South Wales. The Government is delivering better education and health services for the region and delivering significant investment in roads to enable smoother and safer connections.

Regional highlights

Investment in education and skills:

- new Ballina High School and upgrades at Kingscliff High School and Kingscliff Public School, Murwillumbah High School and Murwillumbah East Public School
- funding for the Kingscliff Campus Connected Health Hub and the Coffs Harbour Education Campus as well as funding for TAFE Connected Learning Centres at Murwillumbah and Yamba.

Health infrastructure funding:

- **\$50.9 million** to continue the **\$582.1 million** construction of a hospital at Tweed
- **\$16.8 million** for the Grafton Ambulatory Care Centre redevelopment
- **\$15.5 million** for the Coffs Harbour Hospital redevelopment
- **\$9.1 million** for the **\$73.0 million** Macksville Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$5.0 million** for the **\$11.5 million** Port Macquarie Hospital Car Park
- funding to partner with Tresillian to establish a Family Care Centre Hub in Coffs Harbour.

Roads and infrastructure initiatives:

- **\$1.2 billion** for the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina (State and Federally funded)
- **\$62.0 million** to continue construction of the additional bridge over the Clarence River at Grafton
- **\$28.0 million** for Oxley Highway safety and realignment works
- **\$20.0 million** to progress the Pacific Highway Bypass of Coffs Harbour (fully funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments)
- **\$18.3 million** to continue construction of the replacement Bruxner Highway bridge over the Clarence River at Tabulam.

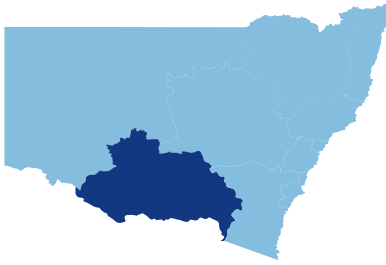
Vibrant visitor economy:

- **\$1.7 million** from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund for the Stuarts Point Foreshore Revitalisation project
- **\$7.7 million** over four years for the Tweed Hinterlands Walk, Byron to Border Ranges
- **\$7.5 million** for the Macleay Coast, Trial Bay precinct upgrade.



Kapooka Bridge, Wagga

Riverina – Murray



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

Population (2017):
275,766

Key industries:

Health care and social assistance, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, fishing

Covering 114,374 kilometres, the Riverina-Murray is in the south of New South Wales. The Murray River runs along the southern edge of the region and forms the border with Victoria.

The Government is extending its investment in improving the region's hospitals, schools and water supply while also continuing to attract visitors to the region.

Regional highlights

Health and education infrastructure:

- an upgrade of the James Fallon High School and the Young High School Library as well as a new primary school in Wagga Wagga
- **\$35.0 million** for the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment with **\$6.0 million** allocated in 2018-19
- **\$20.0 million** to continue the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$5.0 million** to continue the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department Expansion
- funding for TAFE Connected Learning Centres in Corowa, Deniliquin and Narrandera.

Roads and infrastructure:

- **\$19.5 million** for the Gocup Road Upgrade
- **\$16.0 million** NSW Government contribution towards the new Cobb Highway bridge over the Murray River between Echuca and Moama
- commencing construction for the replacement of Gee Gee Bridge over the Wakool River.

Protecting our communities:

- **\$1.3 million** in 2018-19 to complete the Deniliquin Police Station
- funding as part of a four-year package to upgrade and replace Police Citizens Youth Clubs at Wagga Wagga, Albury and Griffith.

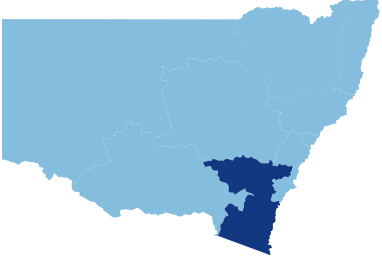
Other infrastructure:

- **\$31.0 million** in 2018-19 for the Nimmie Caira System Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery Project
- **\$11.0 million** from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund for the Murray River Experience in Albury
- funding as part of the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the Deniliquin Swim Centre.



South East and Tablelands

Destination NSW



Local Government Authorities:

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

Population (2017):

276,000

Key industries:

Health care and social assistance, public administration and safety, construction

South East and Tablelands has a rich and diverse geography, with extensive coastline to the east, the Snowy Mountains in the west and its heartland east of the Great Dividing Range. The region borders Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

The NSW Government is delivering better services through investment in schools and hospitals. This is on top of significant funding for new roads and the new Eden Wharf Extension Project, which will help promote tourism in the area by enabling easier access for cruise ships.

Regional highlights

Health and education infrastructure:

- **\$30.0 million** to continue the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$8.1 million** for a new TAFE Connected Learning Centre at Bega
- expansion of hospital redevelopments at Cooma and Bowral
- establishing a Family Care Centre Hub in Queanbeyan
- funding for the upgrade of Queanbeyan East public school as well as funding to continue the construction of Finigan School of Distance Education.

Roads and infrastructure:

- **\$44.4 million** in State, Commonwealth and local funding to continue construction of the Ellerton Drive extension to provide a bypass of the Queanbeyan central business district
- **\$30.0 million** to commence construction of the Princes Highway Batemans Bay Bridge replacement
- **\$12.0 million** to commence Stage 1 of the Barton Highway corridor improvement (State and Federally funded)
- **\$12.0 million** to continue construction of the Lansdowne Bridge replacement at Goulburn
- **\$10.0 million** to commence construction of the Charleyong Bridge replacement over the Mongarlowe River, near Braidwood.

Vibrant visitor economy:

- **\$23.5 million** in 2018-19 to complete the Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension
- **\$17.2 million** over four years for the Snowies Iconic Great Walk
- **\$9.9 million** over two years for the Thredbo Valley Track extension
- **\$7.9 million** over three years for the Light to Light Great Walk
- **\$3.6 million** over three years for the Murrumbidgee South Coast Walk.

Protecting our communities:

- **\$9.8 million** to continue the Queanbeyan Police Station upgrade
- **\$7.1 million** for the development of the Active Armed Officer Training Facility in Goulburn.

