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BUDGET WIN FOR WESTERN NSW

In the 2020-21 NSW Budget, Western NSW will receive funding boosts for hospitals and schools.

Key highlights from the Budget for Central West and Orana include:

HEALTH

- **\$27.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$241.3 million project) for the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment (Stages 1 to 4);
- **\$20.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$35 million project) for the Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo (State and Federal funded);
- **\$10.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the commencement of the Dubbo Hospital Car Park;
- **\$7.5 million** for the establishment of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Dubbo to treat people that have become dependent upon alcohol or drugs;
- **\$5.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$70.7 million project) for the demolition of existing buildings to complete the Mudgee Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$4.0 million** in 2020-21 for a new MRI service at Bathurst Hospital; and
- **\$500,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$70.2 million project) for the commencement of the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment.

EDUCATION

- Major upgrades and refurbishments to schools including Bletchington Public School, Young High School including a new joint-use library and community facility, and Millthorpe Public School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$27.9 million** in 2020-21 to continue delivery of the Main Western Rail Line Capacity Enhancements;
- **\$23.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Great Western Highway upgrade between Kelso and Raglan;
- **\$20.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning of the new Dubbo Bridge (State and Federal funded);
- **\$15.3 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Great Western Highway upgrade between Katoomba and Lithgow; and
- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Parkes Bypass on the Newell Highway (State and Federal funded).

PLANNING

- **\$14.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$18.0 million project) for the delivery of a pipeline to connect the augmented bore field to Condobolin;

- **\$8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to plan and deliver a series of bores and a pipeline to increase water security for Cowra;
- **\$7.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$19.9 million project) to complete the whole-of-Government office hub in Orange
- **\$6.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.8 million project) for a world-class Platypus Visitor and Education Facility at Taronga Western Plains Zoo;
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5 million project) for the implementation of stormwater harvesting in Bathurst to supplement water supplies for the Bathurst Water Treatment Plant;
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5 million project) for the delivery of a replacement pipeline from Winburndale Dam to the Bathurst Water Treatment Plant;
- **\$2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.5 million project) for the delivery of a pipeline to connect the Spring Creek Dam to the Icely Road Water Treatment Plant;
- **\$2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.5 million project) for the duplication of the Orange stormwater harvesting scheme;
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Dubbo; and
- **\$1.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.7 million project) to upgrade Tyers Park Racecourse including additional stabling and a reconfiguration of the course.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$7.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.5 million project) for the Jenolan Caves House Revitalisation Project;
- **\$4.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10.1 million project) for the Condobolin Improved Freight Logistics & Visitor Information Centre Project;
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) for the delivery of Stage 2 of the Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex;
- **\$3.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10.1 million project) for the Destination Dubbo project;
- **\$2.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$25 million project) for the construction of the Orange Sports Complex;
- **\$1.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.9 million project) for the Bathurst Aerodrome upgrade; and
- **\$500,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.5 million project) for the Mudgee Cultural Precinct.

Key highlights from the Budget for Far West include:

HEALTH

- **\$1.1 million** in 2020-21 for the establishment of a mobile CT service for Cobar, Walgett and Bourke;
- **\$700,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$800,000 project) for the refurbishment of the Broken Hill Medical Imaging and Breastscreen Service;

- A trial of drinking water technologies to improve water security for Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

TRANSPORT

- **\$50 million** in 2020-21 for continued sealing of the Silver and Cobb Highways to provide all-weather and more durable highways in the region; and
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$17.1 million commitment) for the sealing of the Pooncarie Road in far west NSW.

PLANNING

- **\$1.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.5 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Walgett, Wilcannia and Broken Hill;
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$4 million project) for the upgrade of the Line of Lode Crown Reserve.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8.4 million project) for the Wentworth Aerodrome;
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.2 million project) for the Sturt's Steps project;
- **\$1.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.4 million project) for the Broken Hill Airport safety upgrade;
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.5 million project) for the Baaka Cultural Centre in Wilcannia;
- **\$1.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.8 million project) for the Bourke Business District Regeneration; and
- **An additional \$1 million** (as part of a \$8.4 million project) to complete the new PCYC at Walgett that will include sports courts, a gymnastics centre, youth club and amenities.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- Redevelopment of the Broken Hill Police Station as part of a larger almost \$107.9 million multipurpose police station program.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier John Barilaro:

"This Budget is a massive win for the people of Regional NSW with crucial funding commitments to health, education and transport in our regions. The NSW Liberals and Nationals once again delivering for the bush."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Western New South Wales:

"The residents of the State's west have been at the coalface of the harshest drought we've seen, so for them this is a much-welcomed injection. At the heart of the more than \$100 million for Western NSW in the Budget is funding for water infrastructure, roads and health services; projects which make a very real difference to the lives of the people in these regional and remote communities."



Quotes attributable to Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders:

“I am thrilled to announce that health is a big winner for the Dubbo electorate with \$27.5 million for the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment, \$20.4 million (State and Federal funded) for the Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo and \$7.5 million for the establishment of a drug and alcohol rehabilitant centre in Dubbo.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Bathurst Paul Toole:

“The 2020-21 Budget delivers \$23.5 million to continue construction of the Great Western Highway upgrade between Kelso and Raglan and \$15.3 million for the continued planning for the Great Western Highway upgrade between Katoomba and Lithgow which will create safer, faster trips to the Central West. It’s part of the continued transformation of our regional road network thanks to the NSW Liberals and Nationals.”

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