

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### NORTHERN NSW GETS BUDGET BOOST

Northern NSW will receive a boost in the NSW Budget with extra funding being delivered across the region to improve hospitals and schools, as well as the continuation of the upgrade to the Pacific Highway and \$20 million to begin planning for the Coffs Harbour Bypass.

Key highlights from the 2018-19 Budget include:

- Ongoing works on the new Ballina High School, with upgrades at Kingscliff High School and Kingscliff Public School, Murwillumbah High School Upgrade and Murwillumbah East Public School, Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and the Armidale Secondary College, a new school for approximately 1,500 students;
- **\$1.2 billion** for the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina (State and Federally funded);
- **\$124 million** in 2018-19 of a \$185 million project to deliver an additional 440 beds at the existing Mid North Coast Correctional Centre at Kempsey;
- **\$62 million** to continue construction of the additional bridge over the Clarence River at Grafton;
- **\$50.9 million** to continue the \$582.1 million construction of a hospital at Tweed;
- Continuing works at Lismore Hospital Redevelopment with **\$45.9 million** allocated in 2018-19;
- Expansion of the Inverell Hospital redevelopment with **\$21.0 million** allocated in 2018-19 and a revised total project of **\$60 million**;
- **\$20 million** to progress the Pacific Highway Bypass of Coffs Harbour (fully funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments);
- Expansion of the Coffs Harbour Hospital redevelopment with **\$15.5 million** allocated in 2018-19 and a revised total project of **\$194 million**;

- Expansion of works at Grafton Ambulatory Care Centre by **\$10.5 million** with **\$16.8 million** allocated in 2018-19;
- **\$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;
- **\$5 million** for the \$11.5 million Port Macquarie Hospital Car Park;
- **\$5 million** in 2018-19 to expand a community-based alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre in Coffs Harbour;
- **\$1.8 million** from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund to go towards the Astronomy Science Centre, Planetarium and Cafe in Tamworth;
- **\$1.7 million** from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund for the Stuarts Point Foreshore Revitalisation project;
- 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, and;
- Funding as part of the Rural Health Infrastructure Program to upgrade health facilities at Tenterfield.

**Quotes attributable to Member for Lismore Thomas George:** “This budget continues to deliver for our local community – with more work happening at Lismore Hospital this means world class healthcare for our families”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Tweed Geoff Provest:** “With \$50.9 million going into the Tweed Hospital, this will deliver better healthcare for everyone in my community. Alongside the hard work done to improve the environmental protections in Tweed, this budget delivers again for the Tweed region”.

**Quotes attributable to Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams:** “Action on the Port Macquarie Hospital Car Park will mean life is easier for everyone in Port Macquarie when accessing the healthcare they need. This is another example of the Berejiklian/Barilaro Government delivering for our local community”.

**Quotes attributable to Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead:** “With more money flowing to Manning Base Hospital, the Berejiklian/Barilaro Government is delivering for our community with more investment in health, roads and education.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson:** “The NSW Liberals and Nationals continue to deliver strong outcomes for our regions, with more money going towards the projects that the Tamworth electorate needs. Only this government will give Regional NSW the fair share that it deserves.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Oxley Melinda Pavey:** “This budget continues to deliver for the people of Oxley, with more money going to Macksville Hospital, an upgrade of the South West Rocks Police Station and construction of the Wauchope Ambulance Station”.

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