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SOUTHERN NSW GETS A BOOST FROM BUDGET

Southern NSW will continue to receive a boost from NSW Budget 2018 because of the strong financial management of the NSW Government. This enables investment back into communities, building and upgrading schools and hospitals and renewing country roads.

Key highlights from the 2018-19 Budget include:

- **\$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;
- **\$35.0 million** for the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment with **\$6.0 million** allocated in 2018-19;
- **\$30.0 million** to commence construction of the Princes Highway Batemans Bay Bridge replacement;
- **\$30.0 million** to continue the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$23.5 million** in 2018-19 to complete the Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension;
- **\$20.0 million** to continue the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment;
- Expansion of the Bowral Hospital redevelopment with **\$19.8 million** allocated in 2018-19 and a revised total cost of **\$65 million**;
- **\$19.5 million** for the Gocup Road Upgrade;
- **\$17.2 million** over four years for the Snowies Iconic Great Walk;
- **\$16.0 million** NSW Government contribution towards the new Cobb Highway bridge over the Murray River between Echuca and Moama;
- **\$9.9 million** over two years for the Thredbo Valley Track extension;
- **\$9.8 million** to continue the Queanbeyan Police Station upgrade;

- **\$7.9 million** over three years for the Light to Light Great Walk;
- Expansion of the Cooma Hospital redevelopment with **\$5.0 million** in allocated 2018-19, taking the total project to **\$18.6 million**;
- **\$3.6 million** over three years for the Murramarang South Coast Walk;
- **\$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;
- An upgrade of the James Fallon High School and the Young High School Library as well as a new primary school in Wagga Wagga;
- Funding for the upgrade of Queanbeyan East Public School as well as funding to continue the construction of Finigan School of Distance Education, and;
- Planning for future new works at Albury Hospital (Medical care, Obstetric and neonatal services).

Quotes attributable to Member for Murray Austin Evans: “This budget delivers for our local communities, with more money going towards the re-development of the Griffith Base Hospital. This is a project that is long overdue in our area, and can only be delivered because of the strong financial management of this government”

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier John Barilaro: “Regional NSW continues to benefit from the Liberal and National Government’s investment. With more money flowing to Cooma Hospital, this budget continues to ensure that our regions have the best infrastructure and services.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Goulburn Pru Goward: “This investment by the NSW Government for our region will generate great outcomes for both residents and visitors alike. I am particularly delighted that the Murrumbateman School has been committed to, as well as \$4.5 million for the Goulburn Performing Arts Centre”.

Quotes attributable to Member for Wagga Wagga Daryl Maguire: “This budget builds on the great investment that is happening across the Riverina. With more money going towards the final stage of Wagga Base Hospital redevelopment. It will be exciting to see Stage 3 begin to complete the largest Hospital redevelopment in Regional NSW and deliver for our community.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Albury Greg Aplin: “With more money going towards the Albury PCYC and the continued work on James Fallon High, this budget delivers again for our community. I am also excited to see planning work begin on the Albury Hospital, so that we can see improved health services that our community deserves”

Quotes attributable to Member for Bega Andrew Constance: “The Budget continues to deliver for our community, with upgrades to our iconic walking tracks and more money flowing for the Port of Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension. The Government can only deliver this investment because of our strong financial management.”

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