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BUDGET INVESTS IN WESTERN NSW

Western NSW continues to benefit from the NSW Budget's investment in major and local infrastructure. Residents and businesses across the region are sharing in the benefits of the State's strong financial position.

Key Highlights from the 2018-19 Budget include:

- **\$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;
- **\$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;
- **\$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;
- **\$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 and Dubbo;
- funding for a redevelopment of the Broken Hill Police Station as part of the Multipurpose Police Station Program;

- 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;
- 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; and
- **\$667,000** for the Broken Hill Core Library upgrade.

Quotes attributable to Member for Dubbo Troy Grant: “The NSW Budget continues to deliver for the people of Dubbo, with more money flowing for the third and fourth stage of Dubbo Hospital, as well as commencing the Western Cancer Centre which will provide world class healthcare for our community”.

Quotes attributable to Member for Bathurst Paul Toole: “Western NSW continues to benefit from the investment made by the Liberal and National Government into our local communities. I am pleased that we continue to invest in health, education, community safety and cultural and environmental programs that make a difference to the lives of people each and every day.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries: “The NSW Budget continues to deliver for the Barwon electorate with investment in our roads, health and police. I am proud that this government is delivering the Broken Hill Pipeline and improving our communities with upgrades to our PCYC’s”.

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