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## **HEALTH AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE HEADLINE BUDGET FOR WESTERN NSW**

The NSW Government will invest more than \$328.7 million into critical infrastructure in the state's far west as part of the 2021-22 NSW Budget, Minister for Western NSW Adam Marshall announced today.

Mr Marshall said the investments would include \$54 million to be invested into road upgrades as well as \$25.8 million for new and upgraded health infrastructure.

"The 2021-22 NSW Budget highlights the priorities of Western NSW, and at its heart are improved roads and health facilities," Mr Marshall said.

"Two major thoroughfares, in the Cobb and the Silver City Highways, will continue to be sealed as will Pooncarie Road, delivering safer journeys and improved productivity.

"Another \$16 million will also be invested into the Goodooga Road upgrade and \$6 million for Come by Chance Road between Walgett and Pilliga.

"Improved health services are also at the heart of needs for families living in the west. \$5.3 million will see the Deniliquin and Leeton Hospital Upgrades completed, while \$20 million has been allocated towards the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment.

"We know the challenges that living in remote communities can pose for students and their learning, so it is fantastic to see Yanco Agricultural High, Murrumbidgee Regional High and Wee Waa High all in line for major upgrades."

Mr Marshall said other investments included;

- **\$8.8 million** to continue construction of the new Murray River Bridge between Echuca in Victoria and Moama;
- **\$7.1 million** for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all Emergency Service Organisations;
- **\$3.4 million** to deliver quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Walgett, Wilcannia and Broken Hill;
- **\$3.3 million** towards Wentworth's Aerodrome Upgrade;
- **\$1.6 million** to upgrade Ward Oval in Cobar;
- **\$0.5 million** for the relocation project of the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre;
- **\$0.5 million** to commence the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment; and
- **\$0.3 million** for the Deniliquin Town Hall Revitalisation project.



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“It is essential our communities in the far west have access to the same services as others in the State and this Budget continues the NSW Government’s commitment to making that happen,” Mr Marshall said.

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