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## Acknowledgement of Country

NSW Treasury acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples and Traditional Custodians of Australia, and the oldest continuing culture in human history.

We pay respect to Elders past and present and commit to respecting the lands we walk on, and the communities we walk with.

We celebrate the deep and enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country and acknowledge their continuing custodianship of the land, seas and sky.

We acknowledge the ongoing stewardship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the important contribution they make to our communities and economies.

We reflect on the continuing impact of government policies and practices, and recognise our responsibility to work together with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities, towards improved economic, social and cultural outcomes.

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# Treasurer's Message



*"Vibrant, resilient, future focused and ready to boom: this is a Budget to lock in a strong regional recovery, as we look to an even stronger future."*



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## The NSW economy is back on the road to recovery, and with the 2021-22 NSW Budget, we're investing to ensure regional New South Wales reaps the rewards of the rebound.

It's a strong turnaround from the biggest global health and economic crisis in a generation. But with a virus that has forced international borders to close (and some state borders too), one silver lining is that we have had good reason to look more closely at our own backyard and better appreciate the treasures to be found there.

For many people across our state, that has meant **falling in love with regional NSW** all over again.

More holidaymakers are enjoying the local sights, and with a pandemic-inspired move to more flexible working arrangements across the economy, a new generation is getting down to business in our regions.

They are doing so at an exciting time, because the future has never been brighter. The 2021-22 Budget invests **billions of dollars** in regional New South Wales, building on strong foundations to create vibrant economies, jobs and industries of the future, centred around thriving communities.

Our COVID-safe strategy will keep regions safe and secure, as we continue to restore regional jobs lost to the pandemic. The **\$100 million Regional Job Creation Fund** will leverage over half a billion dollars of private investment and create thousands of jobs in the regions.

Major new infrastructure projects will keep our regions connected, including the Great Western Highway Upgrade and the Coffs Harbour Bypass. And regional-based seniors will benefit from a two year extension of the \$250 travel card.

We're investing to help farming communities stay at the cutting edge of agricultural technology and supporting mining communities through the Resources for Regions program.

With tourists flocking to regional holiday destinations, we're making the investments that will keep them coming back, with funding for visitor infrastructure, cultural facilities and major events.

Many communities are still recovering from recent drought, fires and floods, so we are continuing to fund recovery for those in need and investing to build resilience in the future.

And we're laying the foundations for future jobs and industries, investing in Special Activation Precincts around the state and Regional Job Precincts programs to grow our regional industries including manufacturing, agtech, freight and logistics, while building capacity in regional health, education and transport services.

Vibrant, resilient, future-focused and ready to boom: this is a Budget to lock in a strong regional recovery, as we look to an even stronger future.



**Dominic Perrottet**  
NSW Treasurer



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# Strong regions with strong economies



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Regional NSW is a key component of the State's economic success. It accounts for around 34 per cent of the State's population, around 25 per cent of the NSW economy and makes a very significant contribution to NSW's exports.

The 2021-22 NSW Budget continues the NSW Government's focus on vibrant and dynamic economies in Regional NSW — ensuring regional communities have the additional boost they need to rebuild, recover and rebound from recent and current challenges.

Regional communities across the State have proved their resilience in the face of drought, bushfires, COVID-19, flooding and now a mouse plague. The NSW Government, together with the Commonwealth Government, has supported this resilience with close to \$10.0 billion of natural disaster response and recovery funding.

The NSW Government remains committed to supporting vital regional industries, including agriculture and forestry, mining, fisheries, manufacturing and services sectors. A forward-looking focus will help regional economies to further specialise in new industries and adopt innovative practices.

The investments the NSW Government is making will:

- assist businesses to expand, establish, invest and create more jobs
- ensure communities get the services they need to recover, grow and thrive
- protect and improve the environment and local character of our regions
- enable the continued response to recent natural disasters of storm, flood, COVID-19 and mouse plague
- prepare for the future with drought and regional water strategies; and
- improve road, rail and digital connections between the regions and the cities to speed up the movement of goods and improve access.

This document highlights the NSW Government's new and existing key regional investments in 2021-22.



Regional NSW  
is home to **a third** of  
NSW's population



It produces around  
**a quarter** of  
Gross State Product



**\$20 billion**  
of primary industries output  
in 2020-21



**\$2 billion**  
Regional Growth Fund



**\$32 billion**  
Renewable Energy Zones



**\$10 billion**  
natural disaster response  
and recovery



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# Supporting our regions

DUBBO FARMERS' MARKET, DUBBO





## BOOSTING JOBS AND SKILLS

The NSW Government's \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund is capitalising on regional strengths and supporting businesses to create jobs in the regions. The recovering economy needs the right skills for today while maximising the opportunities of tomorrow. The NSW Government is establishing the \$2.0 billion Snowy Hydro Investment Fund for projects identified in five priority areas: water security in priority catchments; investing in digital connectivity; improving passenger road and rail; freight linkages; and establishing Special Activation Precincts.

In 2021-22, new investments and allocations include:

- **\$50.0 million** for Mobile Coverage, which will invest in infrastructure and emerging technologies to deliver improved mobile coverage across regional NSW; and
- **\$47.9 million** for an expanded Farms of the Future program. This is in addition to the \$400.0 million Regional Digital Connectivity program.

Continuing NSW Government investment includes:

- **\$79.5 million** in 2021-22 to continue the \$100.0 million Regional Job Creation Fund. This fund:
  - supports businesses in NSW regions to grow; and
  - encourages interstate or overseas businesses to invest in regional NSW.

## SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCTS

The NSW Government is continuing its \$462.3 million commitment over four years for Special Activation Precincts, moving from development to delivery. These are a new way of planning and delivering industrial and commercial infrastructure projects in dedicated areas in regional NSW. They bring together planning and investment support services. This Budget includes over four years:

- **\$185.4 million** for the Parkes Special Activation Precinct, which covers around 4,800 hectares, at the only junction of Australia's two rail spines, the Inland Rail and Trans-Australia Railway
- **\$157.5 million** for the 4,500-hectare Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct, which will create up to 6,000

## Regional Job Creation Fund



**\$100 million** committed



**\$26 million** project funding approved to date



**\$75 million** private investment leveraged to date



Creating **1,000** construction jobs  
Creating **1,600** ongoing jobs

jobs in renewables, recycling, advanced manufacturing, value-added agriculture and freight and logistics

- **\$75.0 million** for Special Activation Precincts pre-delivery works
- **\$25.4 million** over three years for future Special Activation Precincts, including development of the potential Narrabri precinct and continued planning for Moree and the Snowy Mountains precincts; and
- **\$5.0 million** for the Regional Job Precincts initiative, an extension of the Special Activation Precinct program, to deliver streamlined planning approvals across the state including in Albury, Richmond Valley, South Jerrabomberra and Namoi.

## GETTING FUTURE READY

The NSW Government's refreshed *20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW* plan has outlined the importance of helping regional communities prepare for future challenges and opportunities. Support includes:

- **\$259.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$1.3 billion project) to expand and enhance the Public Safety Network (PSN) to deliver full-state coverage, enhancing the ability to respond to emergencies across the state and addressing recommendations from the NSW Bushfire Inquiry:
- improving coverage of the emergency services radio network; and



- putting all NSW emergency services organisations onto one network
- Establishing the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund, which will reach around **\$300.0 million** by 2030-31. The Fund will invest to support coal mining communities as their economies transition
- Approximately **\$550.0 million** Restart NSW funding in 2021-22 granted directly to local councils and organisations to enable the funding and delivery of infrastructure projects that improve the State's economic growth and productivity. This includes \$168.1 million in 2021-22 through the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund for business enterprise areas, airport upgrades, industrial and logistics hubs, innovation precincts and other infrastructure projects; and
- **\$63.4 million** over four years for the Future Ready Regions package to help regional communities prepare for future droughts by investing in tools, skills and data. Initiatives include:
  - **\$47.9 million** for the Farms of the Future program
  - **\$5.5 million** for the Farm Business Resilience program
  - **\$4.3 million** for Enhanced Drought Information Systems; and
  - **\$5.8 million** to assess groundwater and underground storage in central and far western NSW.

Mining continues to drive prosperity in New South Wales. Remediating legacy mine projects with an additional **\$110.4 million** over 10 years, while continuing to foster the mining projects of tomorrow, will accelerate economic growth, support jobs and boost community liveability.

Driving new investment in exploration and mining and forging a path for high-tech and critical minerals projects will also be a focus in 2021-22 and beyond.

The NSW Government is taking a balanced approach to supporting responsible coal production whilst also considering the mineral opportunities that lay ahead and to support the diversification of coal-reliant regional economies.



This includes:

- \$2.2 million over two years for Round 4 of the Cooperative Drilling Program to remove funding barriers for explorers
- the State's first Critical Minerals Strategy will be developed, with a goal to unlock the industry's potential
- continuation of the State's work to map mineral deposits through large scale precompetitive data acquisition; and
- a new Investment Development team to help make NSW the number one destination for resources investment in Australia.

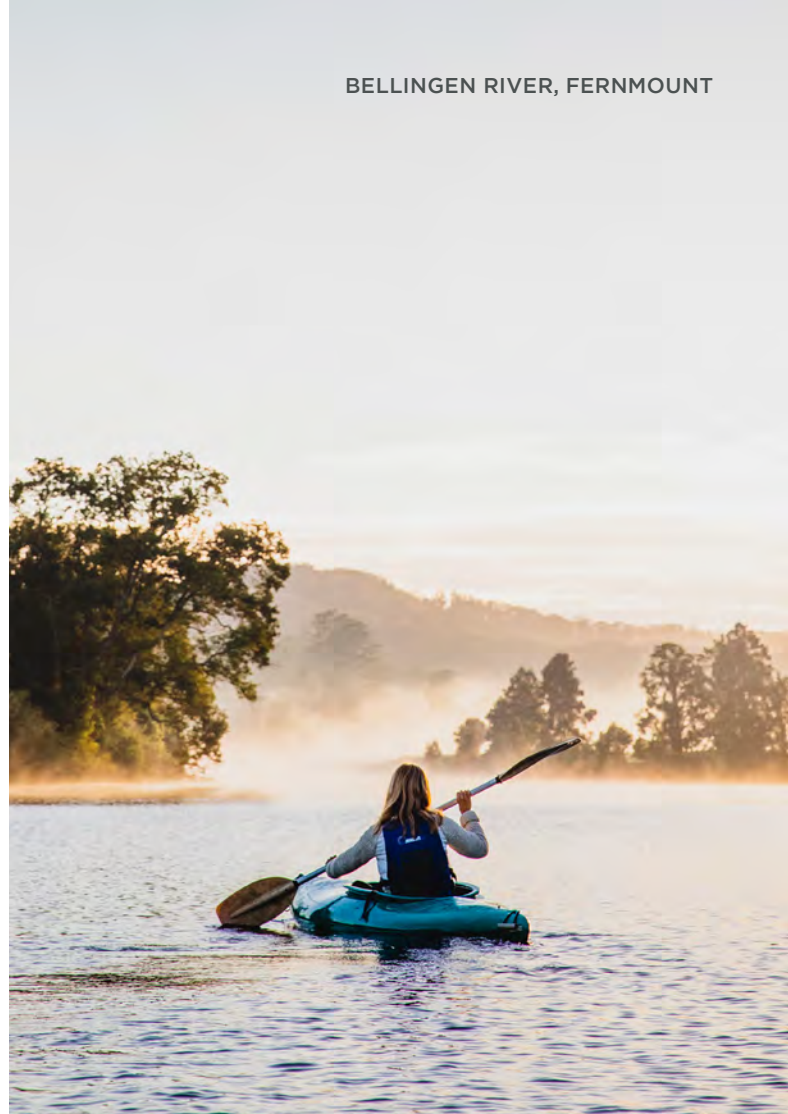
## FOSTERING REGIONAL GROWTH

The NSW Government's **\$2.0 billion** Regional Growth Fund is delivering projects that facilitate regional development and deliver new and upgraded local amenities. In 2021-22, programs within the Fund forecast spending \$398.4 million to continue delivery of more than 2,100 projects. This includes:

- **\$100.0 million** for Round 4 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, including up to \$50.0 million in funding to increase female participation in sport
- **\$75.0 million** for Round 8 of the Resources for Regions Fund, supporting mining-impacted communities to improve local amenities and infrastructure
- **\$69.9 million** for projects funded through Rounds 1-3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund
- **\$50 million** in 2021-22 to promote regional tourism and events through the \$20 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund and the \$30 million Regional Tourism Activation Fund; and
- **\$20.7 million** for projects funded through Round 7 of the Resources for Regions Fund.

### OTHER REGIONAL INVESTMENT

- **\$30.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$60.0 million program) for the Creative Capital program to deliver new cultural infrastructure projects in Greater Sydney and regional NSW, boosting community participation in the arts and cultural tourism; and



- **\$10.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of an \$80.4 million capital project) for new signature walking experiences across New South Wales, making our natural and cultural heritage assets in our NSW national parks a must-see destination for local, national and international visitors.

## REGIONAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

A commitment to upgrading digital network infrastructure will enable businesses to work faster and the people of New South Wales to stay connected. This includes:

- **\$100.0 million** for the Gig State project to upgrade digital network infrastructure to deliver metro-level internet services to regional businesses and residents
- **\$50.0 million** for the Mobile Coverage Project to invest in infrastructure and emerging technologies to deliver improved regional mobile coverage; and
- **\$47.9 million** for the expanded Farms of the Future program, which includes constructing and operating Long Range Wide Area Networks and grants to farmers to stimulate adoption of agtech devices and apps.

## RISING FROM RECENT CHALLENGES

The NSW Government continues to stand by farmers, their families and rural communities who have faced a series of challenges, with close to **\$10.0 billion** in programs to repair, recover and rebuild. Support includes:

- **\$590.4 million** for the 2021 NSW Storm and Flood Recovery Package, in partnership with the Commonwealth, to support local communities to clean up and recover from the significant storms and floods that have impacted large areas of New South Wales. The Package includes:
  - **\$215.3 million** to clean up storm and flood impacted properties, essential public assets, community, cultural and recreation assets and environmental assets
  - **\$203.7 million** for Recovery Programs to assist community, infrastructure, industry and environmental recovery over the medium to longer term (additional funding is being sought from the Commonwealth); and
  - **\$171.4 million** for disaster recovery grants of up to \$50,000 for small businesses and non-profit organisations and grants of up to \$75,000 for primary producers who have suffered direct damage.
- **\$140.0 million** in 2021-22 (\$150.0 million over two years) for the Mouse Plague Response Program to expand help for rural and regional communities. This includes:
  - **\$95.0 million** for primary producer rebates for baits of up to 50 per cent of actual expenses incurred capped to \$10,000 per business
  - establishing grain treatment facilities at specified locations across rural and regional NSW for farmers to have their grain treated, free of charge
  - rebates for small businesses of up to \$1,000 and households of up to \$500 through Service NSW to help meet the cost of buying bait
  - **\$5.0 million** for freight rebates to manufacturers to expedite the import of zinc phosphide concentrate; and
  - educational workshops and research projects.

## \$10 billion Natural Disaster Response and Recovery



**\$4.5 billion** in bushfire recovery support



**\$4.5 billion** in drought assistance and water security support



**\$590 million** in storm and flood response and recovery, with additional Commonwealth funding being sought



**\$150 million** for the Mouse Plague Response Program

The NSW Government has committed approximately \$4.5 billion in drought assistance and water security support. In 2021-22, a new initiative is:

- **\$38.2 million** for Round 2 of the Commonwealth Government's Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate program, supporting innovative on-farm infrastructure investment and drought preparedness.

This Budget also continues drought programs from existing commitments, including:

- **\$68.6 million** in 2021-22 as part of the \$1.0 billion Safe and Secure Water Program, providing safe, secure and sustainable water and wastewater services to regional NSW
- continuing the **\$1.0 billion** Farm Innovation Fund to provide concessional loans and boost drought resilience
- **\$310.0 million** to help regional communities recover from the drought; and
- continuing to deliver infrastructure projects under the **\$170.0 million** Drought Stimulus Package.



## RESPONSE TO THE BUSHFIRE INQUIRY

The NSW Government is continuing to provide its **\$4.5 billion** of recovery support, in partnership with the Commonwealth, to recover from the devastating 2019-20 summer bushfires. It has accepted all 76 recommendations of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry.

In May 2020, the Government established Resilience NSW with **\$187.5 million** to deliver a whole-of-government approach to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to disasters and emergencies.

In this Budget, the Government is committing a further **\$268.2 million**, co-funded with the Commonwealth Government, in response to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry. Key components of the response include:

- **\$65.6 million** over four years from 2021-22 for implementation of operational system upgrades and capability improvements
- **\$50.9 million** over two years from 2021-22 to extend fleet replacement and vehicle safety retrofits across the fire, rescue, forestry, and national parks fleets
- **\$40.3 million** over four years from 2021-22 for the Bushfire and Natural

Hazards Research and Technology Program (subject to finalisation of business case and gateway review)

- **\$37.6 million** in 2022-23 to extend funding for National Parks and Wildlife Service fire fighters and NSW Rural Fire Service mitigation crews; and
- **\$34.4 million** over four years for the strategic fire trail network and funding for critical regional Private Land Fire Trail staff.

This funding builds on the Government's initial commitment of **\$192.2 million** for key initiatives in response to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry, providing protection for communities and properties, as well as support for emergency service workers.

The Government is continuing with its **\$1.0 billion** Bushfire Infrastructure Package to clean up and repair roads, bridges, schools and other State assets affected by the bushfires, including upgrading critical communication networks used by emergency service workers.

This is complemented by the **\$540.0 million** Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Package, co-funded with the Commonwealth Government, to support job retention and creation in bushfire-impacted regions.



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## PROTECTING OUR WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT

Investing in the protection and preservation of New South Wales's natural capital and wildlife ensures the quality of our environment is sustained for future generations and supports regional economies through tourism attraction. Support includes:

- An additional **\$47.5 million** over four years and **\$110.4 million** over 10 years to deliver remediation projects at 20 high and extreme-risk legacy mine sites to improve environmental and human health outcomes, and invigorate local regional economies
- **\$40.0 million** in 2021-22 for Local Land Services to support travelling stock reserves, natural resource management, agricultural advice, animal and plant biosecurity and emergency management
- **\$35.0 million** in 2021-22 to boost NSW's early detection and response to exotic biosecurity threats
- around **\$30.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue delivery of the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy, addressing the greatest threats to the health of the NSW coast
- **\$21.7 million** in 2021-22 (\$65.3 million over four years) for Environmental Trust grants to the National Parks and Wildlife Service, to support:
  - the acquisition of high value conservation land for protection in the NSW national parks estate
  - rewilding of threatened fauna; and
  - implementation of ecological health monitoring and reporting projects.
- **\$15.0 million** in 2021-22 (\$75 million over five years) to continue the Saving Our Species program, New South Wales' flagship threatened species conservation program, to maximise the number of threatened species and ecological communities that are secure in the wild across the State.



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Just over **\$900 million** for new and upgraded hospitals and health facilities in rural and regional NSW



Of the 46 NSW hospital redevelopments or upgrades underway or set to commence in 2021-22, nearly two-thirds are located in rural and regional NSW



More than **\$1 billion** in 2021-22 for regional schools' major works projects



70 of more than 210 school major capital works projects are in regional NSW

## DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

The NSW Government is making a significant investment in infrastructure and services to meet the needs of communities living and working in regional locations, including education, healthcare and support for young people.

This includes over **\$1.9 billion** in 2021-22 for major works on new and upgraded hospitals, health facilities and schools in rural and regional New South Wales.

- Almost a third of the record health infrastructure spend in the 2021-22 NSW Budget will go to regional and rural areas, with just over \$900.0 million allocated, including four new and 24 upgraded regional hospitals and six hospital car parks; and
- over a third of the major works spend on schools in the 2021-22 NSW Budget will go to regional and rural areas, with just over \$1.0 billion allocated for new and upgraded regional schools.

## EDUCATION

- **\$280.4 million** in 2021-22 to give over 1,000 regional, rural and remote schools across NSW the best available digital teaching and learning tools
- **\$110.8 million** in 2021-22 to continue rollout of the Regional School Renewal Program
- **\$30.0 million** in 2021-22 for the ongoing Regional Roof Upgrade Program; and
- **\$12.0 million** in 2021-22 for refreshing regional TAFE campus ICT facilities to enhance student experience.

## HEALTHCARE

- Multipurpose Services Strategy Stage 5 (as part of a **\$296.5 million** program) – 17 centres delivered so far and two underway in 2021-22; and
- Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Redevelopment Stages 1 and 2 (as part of a **\$232.1 million** program) – 23 ambulance stations delivered so far and 30 underway in 2021-22.



Other 2021-22 highlights include:

- **\$36.4 million** over four years for 57 mental health Response and Recovery Specialists to provide assertive outreach support for communities and coordination with local services at the time of a disaster or crisis, and during the ongoing recovery phase
- **\$34.0 million** over four years to convert NSW Ambulance paramedics to Intensive Care Paramedics, with 203 to be located in regional NSW; and
- investments in the Fixed-wing Air Ambulance Services, enhancements to the specialist palliative care workforce in regional and rural NSW, and funding Tresillian for six Regional Family Care Centres and five 'Tresillian 2U' mobile vans.

## **SUPPORT FOR CROSS-BORDER COMMUNITIES**

Pandemic border restrictions, in addition to bushfires, have created a unique challenge for close to two million Australians who live close to NSW borders. Support for these communities includes:

- **\$5.0 million** for the NSW Office of the Cross-Border Commissioner; and
- **\$15.0 million** from the Cross-Border Commissioner's Infrastructure Fund, supporting cross-border communities that have been demonstrably impacted by the events of the past 18 months.



## SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND REGIONAL YOUTH

- **\$7.2 million** support for domestic and family victim survivors with specialist case management, through the expansion of Staying Home and Leaving Violence, including in regional NSW; and
- **\$7.4 million** over three years to support the Office for Regional Youth, including the 2021 Regional Youth Taskforce and pilot programs aligned with the pillars of the Regional Youth Framework.

## POWERING OUR STATE

The NSW Government is supporting New South Wales adapting to the global energy transition and improving network infrastructure. This includes:

- **\$147.6 million** in additional funding in 2021-22 (\$412.9 million over four years) to implement the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. The Roadmap aims to attract \$32.0 billion of private investment in energy infrastructure in regional NSW, and to support 6,300 construction and 2,800 ongoing jobs mostly in regional NSW
- as part of the NSW Government's **\$3.2 billion** retail electricity and capacity services contract, a 100-megawatt (MW) battery will be installed and operated in the Riverina, which will boost local employment by up to 35 jobs during construction
- **\$128.0 million** in 2021-22 (regional share) to extend the uplift in the Energy Social Programs that assist low income regional households to meet their energy bills
- **\$24.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$77.6 million State funding) to support a new gas-fired power station in the Illawarra that will help secure the state's electricity supply, support local manufacturers, and enable a future transition to renewable hydrogen as a fuel; and
- a minimum of **\$70.0 million** to develop hydrogen hubs in the Hunter and Illawarra, under the recently announced \$750.0 million Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program, to support between \$80.0 billion to \$270.0 billion of investment by 2050.

## NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap



**\$32 billion** of private investment



**12GW** of new generation



**6,300** construction jobs



**2,800** ongoing jobs mostly in regional NSW

## PROVIDING WATER SECURITY

- **\$68.6 million** (\$280.2 million over four years) under the \$1 billion Safe and Secure Water Program for critical local water infrastructure to maintain and improve town water supply
- **\$245.0 million** for water security projects in the Lachlan Valley, Peel Valley and the Border Rivers Region
- **\$25.7 million** for detailed planning and site assessments for pipelines between Lstock Dam to Glennies Creek Dam and between Nyngan and Cobar (including \$12.1 million from the Commonwealth Government); and
- **\$23.6 million** to improve non-urban water metering in the State by supporting the uptake of telemetry and upgrading WaterNSW meters, plus a further \$12.5 million for the Northern Murray Darling Basin metering program, as part of the Commonwealth Government's 2021-22 Budget, bringing total spending to \$36.1 million.

## TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- **\$66.6 million** over three years for infrastructure upgrades at racecourses across regional NSW
- **\$60.0 million** (as part of a \$107.9 million program) to continue redeveloping metropolitan and regional police stations across New South Wales, including at Broken Hill as well as land acquisition and planning for Port Macquarie Police Station; and
- **\$54.5 million** (as part of a \$100.0 million program) to continue investment to build and upgrade police stations in Bega, Goulburn, Jindabyne area (including Jindabyne, Perisher and Thredbo), Bourke and Bathurst, and a new police education and training facility at Dubbo.

## CONNECTING OUR REGIONS

The NSW Government is delivering productivity-boosting projects to improve the movement of goods and people around NSW regions and cities.

This includes:

- **\$549.5 million** in 2021-22 to accelerate a range of regional transport programs and projects, including: replacing ageing timber bridges through the Fixing Country Bridges program; rollout of real-time tracking on regional bus services; continued planning and delivery of the 16 Cities program, which is boosting bus services in key regional areas; and regional road projects, aimed at supporting jobs and stimulating the economy in regional New South Wales
- **\$117.2 million** in 2021-22 (\$344.8 million over four years) for the Regional Seniors Travel Card Scheme, providing \$250 prepaid cards towards fuel, taxi travel or NSW TrainLink tickets for eligible seniors living in regional New South Wales. This includes an additional \$246.3 million to extend the program for two more years
- **\$320.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$1.3 billion commitment) to deliver a modern, new Regional Rail Fleet to replace the ageing XPT, XPLOER and Endeavour trains, and construct a purpose-built maintenance facility in Dubbo

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- **\$250.0 million** over three years for a new fund to support the upgrades of regional roads transferred to the State, as part of the NSW Government's Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review
- **\$63.8 million** in 2021-22 in capital expenditure for the Fixing Country Rail program, to continue to deliver targeted infrastructure projects to upgrade parts of the regional rail network which constrain the efficient movement of rail freight and passenger services in regional NSW
- **\$52.0 million** in 2021-22 to complete the NSW Government's Seatbelts on School Buses program, improving school student safety through the installation of seatbelts on all dedicated school buses in rural and regional NSW
- **\$45.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning and early works for the Fast Rail program, to deliver faster connections between Sydney, Canberra, Bomaderry, Newcastle, the Central Coast and the Central West, including duplication of the line between Berry and Gerringong (State and Federal funded); and
- **\$4.0 million** (as part of \$20.0 million over three years) to support investment in regional tourism electric vehicle infrastructure.

## EMPOWERING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Aboriginal communities across regional New South Wales are rich in diversity and hold critical traditional knowledge that enables ongoing Connection to Country.

The NSW Government recognises that initiatives targeting any improvement in outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities need to acknowledge and consider their regional distinctiveness.

NSW Treasury has established an Aboriginal Economic Wellbeing branch to develop new investment frameworks that can be used to assess initiatives that impact Aboriginal people and communities.

The Department of Regional NSW has also established an Aboriginal Partnerships team with staff based across regional NSW. These staff will work with Aboriginal businesses and communities to support job creation and Aboriginal economic development.

New and existing projects include:

- **\$156.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$259.6 million over four years) to deliver new and upgraded social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities across a range of major regional and metropolitan locations, supporting employment in the local construction and trade industries
- **\$5.8 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$11.6 million over two years) for the extension of the Services Our Way program, providing a critical connection between government and non government services and on-the-ground, practical support and skills development for Aboriginal people and families with complex needs; and
- **\$1.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$34.1 million over three years) to expand the Roads to Home Program, providing planning and infrastructure upgrades to up to 10 additional Aboriginal communities. This brings the Government's commitment to the Roads to Home Program to \$108.9 million for up to 31 Aboriginal communities since 2019-20.

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# Regional highlights

## *Central Coast*

AVOCA BEACH, CENTRAL COAST





## EDUCATION

- **\$16.1 million** in 2021-22 to complete the new Porters Creek Public School in Warnervale.

## HEALTH

- **\$32.9 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$200 million project) for the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment.

## REGIONAL NSW

- **\$11 million** in 2021-22 to improve sports ground infrastructure at 16 sites across the Central Coast, including lighting upgrades, new drainage, and irrigation.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$5.4 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## TRANSPORT

- **\$27.8 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction for widening the Pacific Highway to four lanes between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow
- **\$12.7 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for a new rail alignment between Woy Woy and Northern Sydney to improve travel times between Sydney, Newcastle and Port Macquarie (State and Federal funded)

- **\$6.7 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the upgrade of Manns Roads between Stockyard Place and Narara Creek Road (State and Federal funded)
- **\$6.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the upgrade of the Central Coast Highway, between Tumby Road, Wamberal and Bateau Bay Road; and
- **\$4.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway through Wyong Town Centre.

## RESTART FUNDING

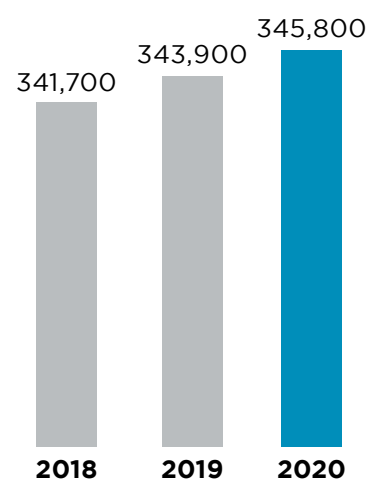
- **\$28.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$62.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to Central Coast Council and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade, including:
  - **\$13.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$30.0 million Restart package) for Gosford city centre sewerage infrastructure
  - **\$5.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$8.5 million Restart package) for Warnervale town centre water and sewer; and
  - **\$2.1 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.9 million Restart package) for Mardi Water Treatment Plant upgrade.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Central Coast



## POPULATION



↑ 0.5%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Manufacturing



Retail trade



Construction



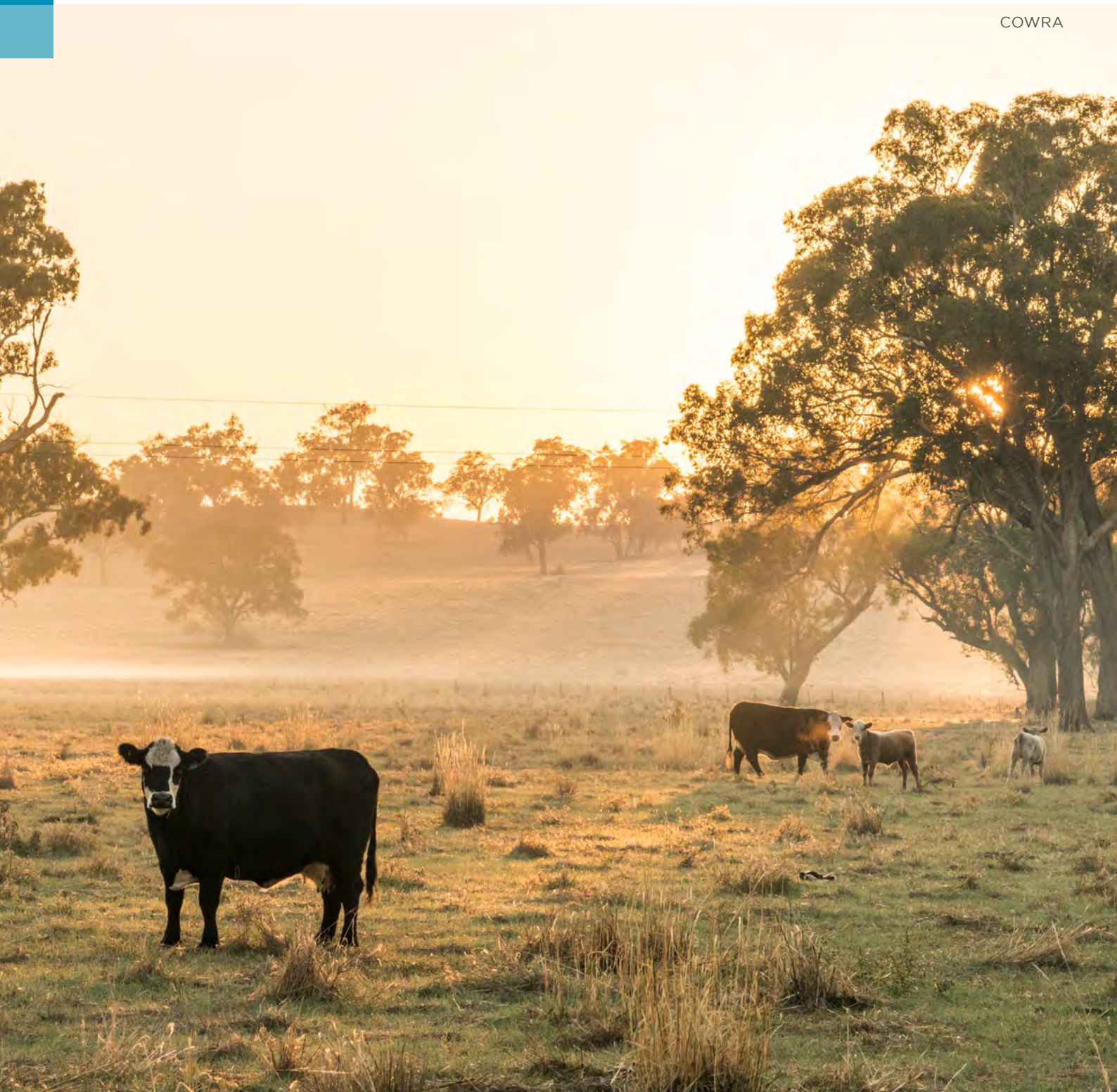
Health care  
& social assistance

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# Regional highlights

## *Central West and Orana*

COWRA





## EDUCATION

- **\$18.7 million** in 2021-22 for ongoing major upgrades and refurbishments to Bletchington Public School
- **\$13.7 million** in 2021-22 to continue works at Young High School including a new joint-use library and community facility; and
- **\$10.2 million** in 2021-22 for Millthorpe Public School continuing delivery of a new learning hub, library and major refurbishments.

## HEALTH

- **\$26.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$306.3 million project) for the Dubbo Health Service redevelopment (Stages 1 to 4, car park and the Western Cancer Centre)
- **\$2.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$70.2 million project) for the Cowra Hospital redevelopment; and
- **\$0.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6 million project) for the establishment of Canowindra HealthOne.

## PLANNING

- Supporting the establishment of the Renewable Energy Zone in Central West and Orana as part of the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap
- **\$10.5 million** in 2021-22 (\$48.1 million over three years) for a new office hub in Dubbo to consolidate existing tenancies and provide a modern, efficient office space to attract and retain regional government workers; and

- **\$8.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of an \$8.8 million project) for a world-class Platypus Visitor and Education Facility at Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

## REGIONAL NSW

- **\$78.1 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$185.4 million capital funding package) towards delivery of the 4,800 hectare Parkes Special Activation Precinct
- **\$14.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$29.0 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economies including:
  - **\$1.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$3.8 million State funding commitment) for the Mudgee Cultural Precinct; and
  - **\$0.9 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$1.8 million State funding commitment) for the CentrePoint Sport and Leisure Centre in Blayney.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$35.7 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES

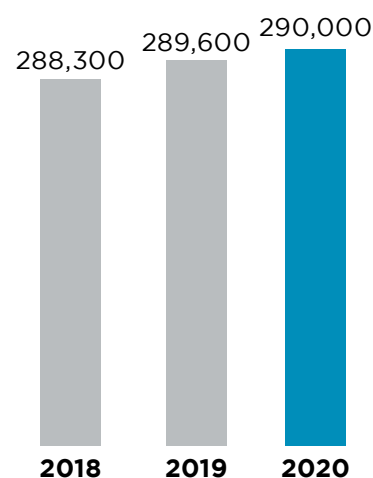
- **\$27.9 million** over four years for the Dubbo Court expansion, to help impacted offenders by undertaking a 12-month rehabilitation program. This will help rural communities with the tools and resilience they need to combat illicit drugs.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle and Weddin.



## POPULATION



↑ 0.2%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Construction



Manufacturing



Logistics



Tourism



Agriculture



Mining

## TRANSPORT

- **\$107.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the duplication of the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow (State and Federal funded)
- **\$60.0 million** in 2021-22 to commence construction of the Parkes Bypass, as part of upgrades to the Newell Highway to improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety (State and Federal funded)
- **\$36.4 million** in 2021-22 to continue delivery of 40 new overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway (State and Federal funded)
- **\$25.0 million** in 2021-22 for projects including new passing loops to improve the capacity and efficiency of the Main Western Rail Line
- **\$24.7 million** in 2021-22 to continue safety and traffic efficiency improvements along the Great Western Highway and Bells Line of Road corridors, including overtaking lanes and widening existing lanes
- **\$20.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue detailed design of the new Dubbo Bridge on the Newell Highway over the Macquarie River, Dubbo (State and Federal funded); and





- **\$4.3 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for a Fast Rail route to the Central West. The NSW Government is working closely with the National Faster Rail Agency to develop a business case for fast rail on the Sydney to Bathurst, Orange and Parkes corridor (State and Federal funded).
- **\$4.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$10.0 million Restart package) for Destination Dubbo: International Ready; and
- **\$5.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$8.0 million Restart package) for Nyngan Cobar Water Security.

## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$84.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$227 million Restart package) allocated directly to Central West and Orana local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade, including:

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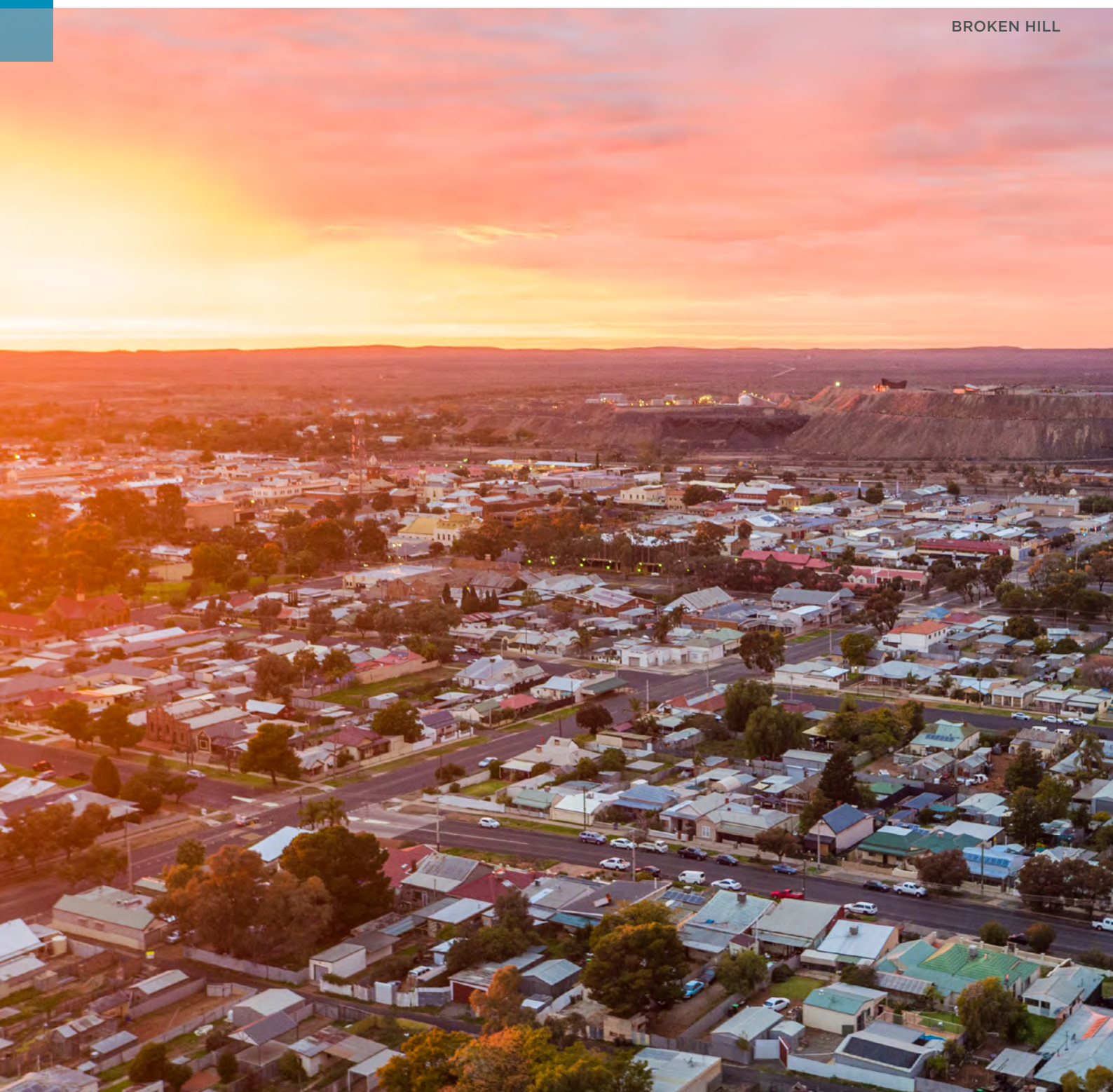


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# Regional highlights

## *Far West*

BROKEN HILL





## HEALTH

- Commence construction of the Buronga HealthOne facility, as part of the \$100.0 million HealthOne Strategy
- **\$0.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$30.0 million project) for the commencement of the Wentworth Health Service redevelopment; and
- **\$250,000** in 2021-22 for the refurbishment of the Dareton Health Facility.

## PLANNING

- **\$3.4 million** in 2021-22 (\$5.7 million over four years) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Walgett, Wilcannia and Broken Hill; and
- **\$1.0 million** for the detailed business case for the Nyngan to Cobar Pipeline project (as part of a Commonwealth agreement).

## REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$12.8 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economies including:
  - **\$1.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$4.5 million State funding) for the Cobar Ward Oval and Community Hub project
  - **\$1.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$3.0 million State funding) for the Cobar Water Reticulation Upgrade project; and
  - **\$0.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$0.9 million State funding) for the relocation project of the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$7.1 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## TRANSPORT

- **\$27.4 million** in 2021-22 to continue sealing the Cobb Highway and the Silver City Highway; and
- **\$4.5 million** in 2021-22 for sealing Poongarie Road in far west NSW, delivering safer, faster and more reliable journeys and boosting tourism and freight productivity (State and Federal funded).

## RESTART FUNDING

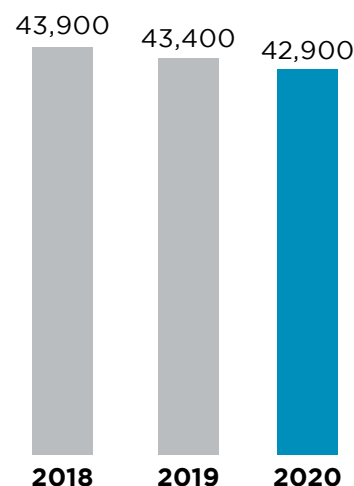
- **\$54.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$143.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to Far West local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - **\$16.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$29.0 million Restart package) for the Goodooga Road upgrade
  - **\$6.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$7.0 million Restart package) for the reconstruction and sealing of Come by Chance Road between Walgett and Pilliga; and
  - **\$3.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$8.4 million Restart package) for the Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Walgett and Wentworth.



## POPULATION



↓ -1.2%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Agriculture



Mining



Education  
& training



Health care  
& social assistance



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# Regional highlights

## *Hunter*

MURCHESSONS HORSEBACK WINE AND DINE TOURS, POKOLBIN





## EDUCATION

- **\$5.6 million** in 2021-22 to commence works on the Newcastle Education Campus
- **\$3.3 million** in 2021-22 for major upgrades at Muswellbrook South Public School
- **\$2.0 million** in 2021-22 for phase two of design and construction of a multi-trades workshop and storage facility at Scone Connected Learning Centre; and
- **\$1.9 million** and **\$1.6 million** in 2021-22 to commence major upgrades and refurbishments at Hunter River High School and Irawang High School respectively, delivering upgrades to core facilities and provision of dedicated support learning spaces.

## HEALTH

- **\$59.1 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$500.0 million project) for the New Maitland Hospital and car park
- **\$34.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$835.0 million project) for the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct project and car park
- **\$8.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$100.0 million project) for the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2
- **\$7.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$45.0 million project) for the commencement of the Muswellbrook Hospital Redevelopment Stage 3; and
- Continue planning for the Forster-Tuncurry Health Facility.

## PLANNING

- **\$24.7 million** for detailed planning and site assessments for a pipeline between Lostock Dam to Glennies Creek Dam (including \$11.1 million from the Commonwealth Government)
- **\$3.1 million** in 2021-22 (\$3.3 million over two years) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Blacksmiths, Bolton Point and Wallsend; and
- **\$1.0 million** in 2021-22 (\$3.0 million over three years) for grants to residents who have been adversely impacted by lead contamination, particularly in the Boolaroo region.

## REGIONAL NSW

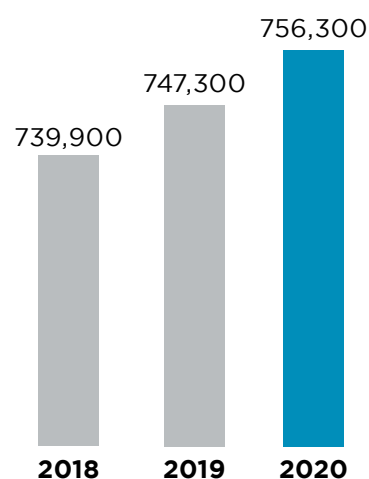
- **\$50.0 million** in 2021-22, and \$75.0 million in total, for Special Activation Precincts pre-delivery works, shared across the Williamtown, Moree, and Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precincts
- **\$9.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$19.0 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economies including:
  - **\$4.9 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.3 million State funding commitment) for the Madoo Museum Cultural Hub in Cessnock

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, MidCoast, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens, Singleton and Upper Hunter.



## POPULATION\*



↑ 1.2%

## 2019-20 GROWTH RATE

\*The metropolitan Newcastle LGA is included in population numbers but is not considered part of Regional NSW.

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Coal mining



Wine and other alcoholic beverage manufacturing



Energy generation



Agriculture, forestry & fishing



Defence



Tourism

- **\$0.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$0.9 million State funding commitment) for the shared pathway linking Morpeth to Walka Water Works in Maitland; and
- **\$0.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$0.7 million State funding commitment) for the White Park power upgrade in the Upper Hunter.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$21.9 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$2.5 million** in 2021-22 (\$12.0 million over two years) for a new Singleton Police Station to accommodate increasing police numbers in the Hunter Valley Police District and provide modern policing facilities.

## TRANSPORT

- **\$29.0 million** in 2021-22 to finalise planning for Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond and continue construction of early works (State and Federal funded)
- **\$28.1 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the Pacific Motorway (M1) Raymond Terrace and Hexham Straight (State and Federal Funded)
- **\$26.2 million** in 2021-22 to commence construction of the New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway, including grade separation of the Golden Highway intersection
- **\$25.0 million** in 2021-22 for local road upgrades and improvements in the Dungog Shire local government area
- **\$14.1 million** to continue planning, design and pre-construction for the Muswellbrook bypass to improve travel times for long haul freight movements, and safety for all road users on the New England Highway.

- **\$14.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning and pre-construction for the \$700.0 million Singleton Bypass which will deliver safer, more efficient journeys for thousands of motorists every day (State and Federal Funded)
- **\$2.9 million** to continue planning and commencing Stage 1 works to upgrade Hillsborough Road between Warners Bay and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for motorists; and
- **\$2.3 million** in 2021-22 for planning costs for commuter car parks at Morisset, Fassifern and Cardiff stations.

## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$58.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$168.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to local councils and organisations in the Hunter region for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - **\$5.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$8.1 million Restart package) for Raymond Terrace Road and Government Road intersection in Thornton
  - **\$4.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.4 million Restart package) for the Birubi Point Aboriginal Place Tourism Transport Interchange; and
  - **\$3.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.6 million Restart package) for the Cessnock Airport Upgrade.





*"The 2021-22 NSW Budget continues the NSW Government's focus on vibrant and dynamic economies in Regional NSW."*



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# Regional highlights

## *Illawarra-Shoalhaven*



AUSTINMER BEACH, AUSTINMER



## EDUCATION

- **\$13.7 million** in 2021-22 to complete major upgrades at Dapto Public School
- **\$5.3 million** in 2021-22 to establish a new primary school in South Nowra/Worrigee; and
- **\$2.1 million** in 2021-22 to commence major upgrades at Bomaderry High School.

## HEALTH

- **\$40.2 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$721.9 million project) for the New Shellharbour Hospital and Integrated Services and car park; and
- **\$11.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$438.0 million project) for the Shoalhaven Hospital redevelopment.

## PLANNING

- **\$77.6 million** of State funding to support a new gas-fired power station in Yallah that will help secure the state's electricity supply, support local manufacturers, and enable a future transition to renewable hydrogen as a fuel
- **\$3.1 million** (\$31.0 million capital expenditure over three years) for the Great Southern Walk, a four-to-five day walk from Bulli Tops to Kamay Botany Bay National Park, including the Illawarra Mountain Biking Network; and
- **\$2.8 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$3.6 million project) to continue improvements to the Murramarang South Coast Walk.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$5.0 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## TRANSPORT

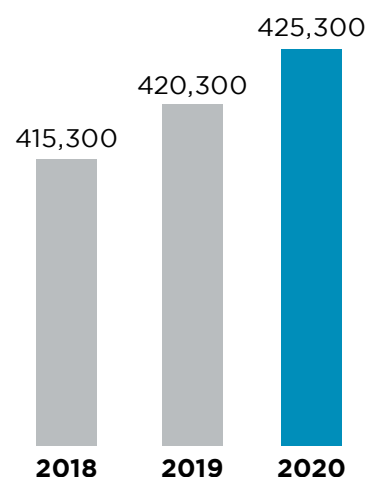
- **\$88.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue the transformation of the State and Federal funded Princes Highway program from south of Nowra to the Victorian border including to continue planning on the Milton Ulladulla Bypass, Jervis Bay to Sussex Inlet Upgrade, Jervis Bay Road Intersection and Moruya Bypass
- **\$72.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction for the Nowra Bridge over the Shoalhaven River on the Princes Highway (State and Federal funded)
- **\$61.0 million** in 2021-22 to complete construction of the Princes Highway upgrade from Berry to Bomaderry
- **\$55.0 million** in 2021-22 to complete construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass, Yallah to Oak Flats, Princes Highway
- **\$14.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for upgrades of Picton Road to improve safety and connectivity as a key link for the Illawarra Region, South Coast, Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne; and
- **\$6.3 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the Mount Ousley Interchange on the M1 Princes Motorway (State and Federal funded).

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven.



## POPULATION\*



↑ 1.2%

## 2019-20 GROWTH RATE

\*The metropolitan Wollongong LGA is included in population numbers but is not considered part of Regional NSW.

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Defence



Advanced  
manufacturing



Health care  
& social assistance



Dairy cattle  
farming



Tourism



Retail





## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$21.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$41.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to Illawarra-Shoalhaven local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - **\$4.8 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.3 million Restart package) for the Shoalhaven Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure Package
  - **\$4.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.0 million Restart package) for the Albatross Aviation Technology Park; and
  - **\$3.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$16.0 million Restart package) for the Illawarra Regional Airport.



KIAMA FARMERS' MARKET, KIAMA



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# Regional highlights

## *New England and North West*

ARMIDALE





## EDUCATION

- **\$37.8 million** in 2021-22 for a new Wee Waa High School, providing a modern and safe environment for students and staff
- **\$10.4 million** in 2021-22 to complete the Armidale Secondary College upgrade; and
- **\$2.8 million** in 2021-22 for the TAFE NSW Shared Services Centre in Tamworth, a modern and fit-for-purpose vocational training centre that will also provide 60 new jobs.

## HEALTH

- A new 33 bed Banksia Mental Health Unit at Tamworth Base Hospital (as part of the \$700.0 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program).
- **\$4.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$60.0 million project) for the completion of the Inverell Hospital redevelopment
- **\$2.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20.0 million project) for the Glen Innes Hospital upgrade
- **\$1.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$80.0 million project) for the commencement of the Moree Hospital redevelopment; and
- **\$0.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$53.0 million project) for the commencement of the Gunnedah Hospital redevelopment.

## PLANNING

- **\$1.9 million** in 2021-22 (\$2.0 million over two years) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Armidale, Boggabilla, Inverell and Moree.

## REGIONAL NSW

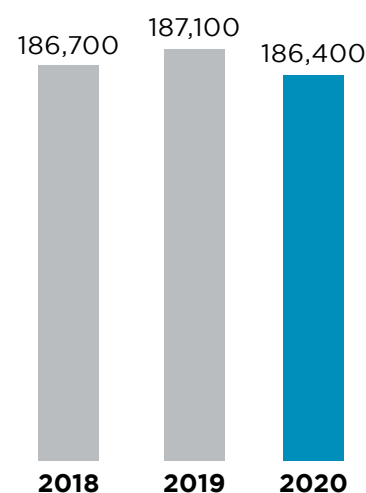
- **\$50.0 million** in 2021-22, and \$75.0 million in total, for Special Activation Precincts pre-delivery works, shared across the Moree, Snowy Mountains and Williamstown Special Activation Precincts
- **\$20.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$28.0 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economies including:
  - **\$12.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$14.0 million State funding commitment) to redevelop Gunnedah Saleyards
  - **\$6.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$9.5 million State funding commitment) for the International Crop and Digital Agricultural Research Centre in Narrabri; and
  - **\$1.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$2.6 million State funding commitment) to replace Boston Street Bridge in Narrabri.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.



## POPULATION



↓ -0.4%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Sheep, beef cattle  
& grain farming



Education  
& training



Food product  
manufacturing



Road freight  
transport



Tourism



Mining



## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$43.4 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## TRANSPORT

- **\$58.1 million** in 2021-22 to continue delivery of heavy duty pavement upgrades on the Newell Highway (State and Federal Funded); and
- **\$16.0 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction of the upgrade of the New England Highway at Bolivia Hill (State and Federal funded).

## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$88.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$274.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to New England and North West local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
- **\$10.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20.0 million Restart package) for the Tamworth Enterprise Area and Intermodal Activation project; and
- **\$9.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20.0 million Restart package) to upgrades and improvements along the Thunderbolts Way.



OPEN AIR GALLERY, WALCHA







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# Regional highlights

## *North Coast*

BANGALOW





## EDUCATION

- **\$21.6 million** in 2021-22 to continue delivery of the new Murwillumbah Education Campus
- **\$8.7 million** in 2021-22 to deliver skills facilities at Tweed River High School for the VET Pilot Program, in conjunction with ongoing major upgrades
- **\$0.5 million** in 2021-22 to start construction of a Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) facility co-located at Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus, in conjunction with continued delivery of major upgrades; and
- continuing delivery of major upgrades at Lennox Head Public School, Tweed Heads South Public School, Kingscliff Public School, and Kingscliff High School.

## HEALTH

- **\$288.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$723.3 million project) for the Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services redevelopment and car park
- **\$29.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$194.0 million project) for the expansion of Coffs Harbour Hospital
- **\$28.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$312.8 million project) for the Lismore Hospital redevelopment (Stages 3A, B, and C)
- **\$9.9 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$10.0 million project) for the new helipad at Port Macquarie Hospital

- **\$3.8 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$11.5 million project) for the completion of the Port Macquarie Hospital car park; and
- continue planning activities for the Grafton Base Hospital Redevelopment.

## PLANNING

- **\$8.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$55.1 million project) for a new office hub in Coffs Harbour to consolidate existing tenancies and provide a modern, efficient office space to attract and retain regional government workers
- **\$15.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20.0 million project) for civil infrastructure and public facilities in the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore precinct; and
- **\$2.2 million** in 2021-22 (\$4.0 million over four years) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Coffs Harbour, Goonellabah, Lismore and Tweed Heads.

## REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.8 million State funding commitment) under the NSW Premier Aboriginal Experience to deliver an Aboriginal ecotourism experience in Coffs Harbour.

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES

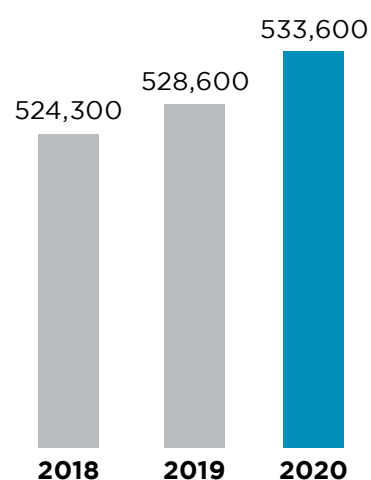
- **\$4.5 million** in 2021-22 to complete the knockdown and rebuild of Kingscliff fire station, which will provide a modern two-storey station for firefighters to effectively prepare for emergencies across the district.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley and Tweed.



## POPULATION



↑ 0.9%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Tourism

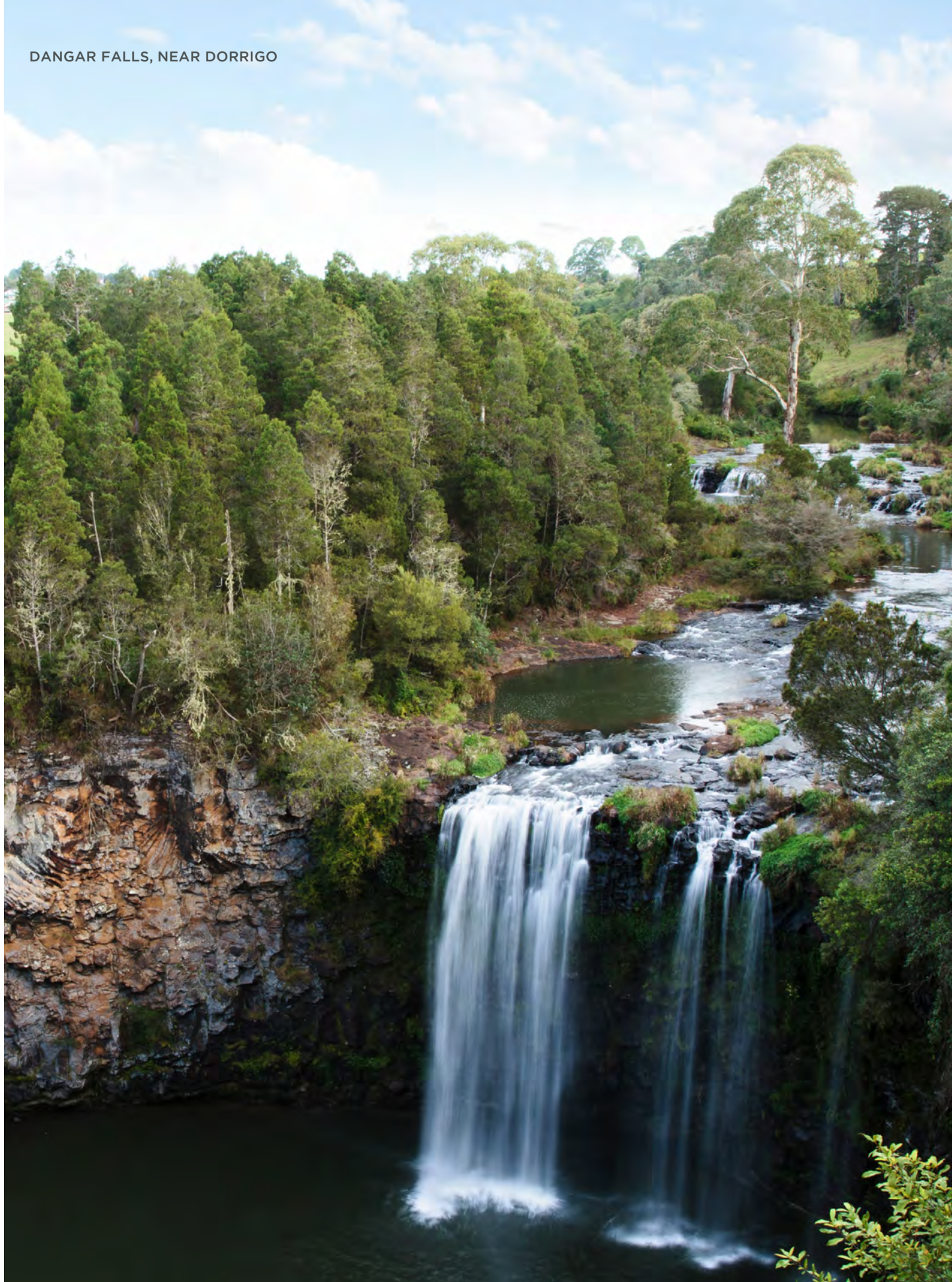


Agriculture,  
Forestry & Fishing



Manufacturing





*“Investing in the protection and preservation of NSW’s natural capital and wildlife ensures the quality of our environment is sustained for future generations.”*



## TRANSPORT

- **\$100.0 million** in 2021-22 to commence construction of the Coffs Harbour Bypass, which will improve safety and reduce travel time (State and Federal funded)
- **\$32.8 million** in 2021-22 for local council stimulus road upgrades at Ocean Drive and Woodburn Road
- **\$14.1 million** in 2021-22 to continue safety, traffic and pavement improvements on Waterfall Way
- **\$1.8 million** in 2021-22 to complete intersection improvement works on the Oxley Highway at Wauchope; and
- **\$0.5 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for the New England Highway heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield (Federal funded).

## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$52.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$111.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to North Coast local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - **\$4.8 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$10.0 million Restart package) for the Coffs Harbour Airport Enterprise Park
  - **\$3.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.7 million Restart package) for the Calypso Holiday Park redevelopment in Yamba; and
  - **\$2.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$4.0 million Restart package) for the Southern Cross Expansion and Innovation Precinct in Ballina.

CALYPSO YAMBA HOLIDAY PARK, YAMBA





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# Regional highlights

## *Riverina Murray*





## EDUCATION

- **\$1.3 million** in 2021-22 for Stage 2 of major upgrades at both Murrumbidgee Regional High School sites to complete the transition into the new educational model, including a library upgrade and a new multipurpose space at the Griffith site and a new gymnasium and assembly space at the Wade site; and
- **\$1.1 million** in 2021-22 to deliver upgrades to boarding facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School, providing an improved residential experience for student accommodation.

## HEALTH

- A new 32 bed Nolan House mental healthcare unit at Albury Base Hospital (as part of the \$700.0 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program)
- **\$22.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$461.4 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital redevelopment and car park
- **\$20.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$250.0 million project) for the Griffith Hospital redevelopment
- **\$14.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$50.0 million project) for the Tumut Hospital redevelopment
- **\$9.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$30.0 million project) for the completion of the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department expansion; and
- **\$5.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.7 million project) for the completion of the Deniliquin and Leeton Hospital upgrades.

## PLANNING

- As part of the NSW Government's **\$3.2 billion** retail electricity and capacity services contract, a 100-megawatt (MW) battery will be installed and operated in the Riverina, which will boost local employment by up to 35 jobs during construction.

## REGIONAL NSW

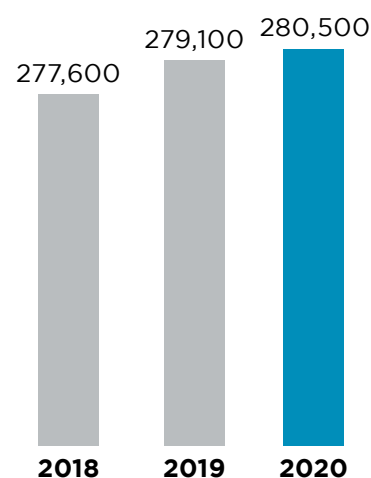
- **\$22.1 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$150.6 million capital funding package) towards delivery of the 4,500 hectare Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct
- **\$0.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$3.1 million State funding) for the Henty highway intersection and rail crossing project
- **\$8.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$19.0 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economies including:
  - **\$5.4 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$9.2 million State funding commitment) to redevelop the Corowa Saleyards
  - **\$0.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$1.0 million State funding commitment) for the Deniliquin Town Hall Revitalisation project; and
  - **\$0.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$0.6 million State funding commitment) for the West Wyalong Aerodrome Upgrade.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Albury, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga.



## POPULATION



↑ 0.5%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Manufacturing



Defence



Agriculture  
& Forestry



Tourism



Transport  
& logistics



## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **\$43.8 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## TRANSPORT

- **\$8.8 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction of the new Murray River Bridge between Echuca in Victoria and Moama. Works include the intersection upgrade of the Cobb Highway and Link Road
- **\$6.7 million** in 2021-22 to commence construction of the replacement bridge at Marshalls Creek, Wagga Wagga; and
- **\$1.1 million** in 2021-22 to continue planning for upgrades to Olympic Highway Intersections at Travers St and Old Narrandera Road.

## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$68.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$193.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to Riverina Murray local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - **\$23.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$29.0 million Restart package) for the Bomen Enterprise Area
  - **\$4.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$10.0 million Restart package) for the NEXUS Industrial Precinct in Albury; and
  - **\$4.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$11.0 million Restart package) for the Wagga Wagga Cycling Towns project.



WIRADJURI TRAIL, WAGGA WAGGA







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# Regional highlights

## *South East and Tablelands*

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## EDUCATION

- **\$34.7 million** in 2021-22 to construct a new high school in Bungendore
- **\$31.3 million** in 2021-22 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Googong
- **\$25.9 million** in 2021-22 to construct a new high school in Jerrabomberra
- **\$20.1 million** in 2021-22 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Murrumbateman; and
- Delivery of hall upgrades at Queanbeyan West Public School and Yass High School.

## HEALTH

- **\$28.5 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$165.0 million project) for the Goulburn Hospital redevelopment and additional clinical services enhancement
- **\$14.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$200.0 million project) for the Eurobodalla Health Service redevelopment
- **\$8.9 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$55.0 million project) for the Bowral Hospital redevelopment Stage 2; and
- **\$6.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$24.2 million project) for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment.

## PLANNING

- **\$5.1 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$17.2 million project) to continue improvements to the Snowies Iconic Walk

- **\$3.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$9.9 million project) to continue the Thredbo Valley Track extension
- **\$2.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$7.9 million project) to continue improvements to the Light to Light Walk; and
- **\$2.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$9.5 million project) to reinvigorate the Wombeyan Caves experience and deliver new nature-based tourism opportunities.

## REGIONAL NSW

- **\$50.0 million** in 2021-22, and \$75.0 million in total, for Special Activation Precincts Pre-Delivery Works, shared across the Snowy Mountains, Moree, and Williamtown Special Activation Precincts
- **\$7.2 million** in 2021-22 for the Bundian Way walking track from Jigamy Farm to Fisheries Beach
- **\$2.9 million** in 2021-22 for the Jigamy Farm Campground Upgrade; and
- **\$10.0 million** in 2021-22 for the Monaro Street Upgrade in Queanbeyan.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

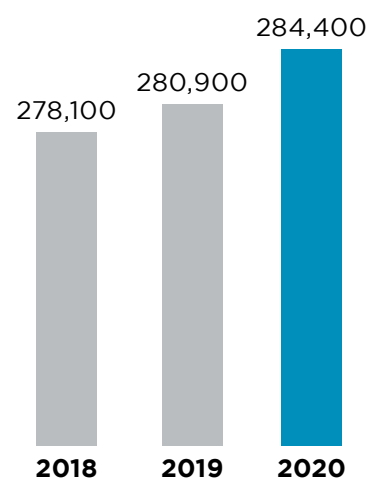
- **\$26.1 million** in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all emergency service organisations.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan Palerang, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee and Yass Valley.



## POPULATION



↑ 1.3%

2019-20 GROWTH RATE

## KEY INDUSTRIES



Agriculture



Advanced  
manufacturing



Electricity  
generation



Tourism



## TRANSPORT

- **\$74.8 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction of the Nelligen Bridge Replacement on the Kings Highway, Nelligen
- **\$52.6 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction of the Barton Highway Duplication from the ACT towards Murrumbateman (State and Federal Funded)
- **\$35.3 million** in 2021-22 to continue the removal of the old Batemans Bay Bridge and continue improvements to the foreshore
- **\$20.0 million** in 2021-22 to commence construction on the Monaro and Kings Highway upgrade program
- **\$18.4 million** in 2021-22 to continue construction of the Hume Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrade at Marulan; and
- **\$19.8 million** in 2021 for local council road upgrades at Bobeyan Road, Dunns Creek Road and Captains Flat Road.

## RESTART FUNDING

- **\$83.0 million** Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$192.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to South East & Tablelands local councils and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - **\$13.0 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$26.0 million Restart package) for the Eurobodalla Southern Storage project
  - **\$8.7 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$23.0 million Restart package) for the South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct; and
  - **\$4.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.2 million Restart package) for the Southern Regional Livestock Exchange in Moss Vale.

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$19.0 million** (as part of a \$60.0 million project) to continue the upgrade of the Goulburn Police Academy which incorporates contemporary technology and training facilities and refurbishes student accommodation and classrooms.

THREDBO, SNOWY MOUNTAINS









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