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BUDGET DELIVERS FOR THE CENTRAL COAST AND HUNTER

In the 2021- 2022 NSW Budget, the Central Coast and Hunter region will receive significant funding boosts to key areas.

Key highlights from the Budget for Central Coast include:

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 17 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

- \$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. (Fast Rail).
- \$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 million in 2021-22 to continue planning for the upgrade of the Central Coast Highway, between Tumbi Road, Wamberal and Bateau Bay Road.
- \$4 million in 2021-22 to continue planning for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway through Wyong Town Centre.

RESTART FUNDING

- \$28 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$62 million Restart package) allocated directly to Central Coast local authorities and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
- \$13.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$30 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.
- \$2.1 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.9 million Restart package) for Mardi Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Key highlights from the Budget for the Hunter region:

EDUCATION

- \$5.6 million in 2021-22 to commence works on the Newcastle Education Campus. \$1.9 million and \$1.6 million respectively in 2021-22 to commence major upgrades and refurbishments at Hunter River High School and Irawang High School, delivering upgrades to core facilities and provision of dedicated support learning spaces.
- \$1 million in 2021-22 for Phase 2 of design and construction of a multi-trades workshop and storage facility at Scone Connected Learning Centre.

HEALTH

- \$59.1 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$470 million project) for the New Maitland Hospital.
- \$34.4 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$835 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 million project) for the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2.
- \$7 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$45.0 million project) for the commencement of the Muswellbrook Hospital Redevelopment Stage 3.

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.
- \$1 million in 2021-22 (\$3 million over three years) for grants to residents in the Boolaroo region, who have been adversely impacted by lead contamination.

REGIONAL NSW

- \$50 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 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economy including: \$4.9 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$6.3 million State funding) for the Madoo Museum Cultural Hub in Cessnock.
- \$0.4 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$0.9 million State funding) for the shared pathway linking Morpeth to Walka Water Works in Maitland.
- \$0.4 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$0.7 million State funding) for White Park Power Upgrade in 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 million over two years) for a new Singleton Police Station to accommodate increasing police numbers in the Hunter Valley Police District and incorporate provide modern policing facilities.

TRANSPORT

- \$2.25 million in 2021-22 for planning costs for commuter car parks at Morrisset, Fassifern and Cardiff stations.
- \$25 million in 2021-22 for local road upgrades and improvements in Dungog Shire. \$29 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.
- \$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.
- \$145.5 million in 2021-22 for local council stimulus road upgrades at Taree Northern Gateway, Bucketts Way and Clarence Town Road.
- \$14 million in 2021-22 to continue planning and design for the New England Highway Singleton Bypass (State and Federal funded).

RESTART FUNDING

- \$58 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$168 million Restart package) allocated directly to local authorities and organisations in Hunter region for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
- \$5 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 \$18.9 million Restart package) for Water Security in the Upper Hunter.
- \$4.4 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.4 million Restart package) to local council for the Birubi Point Aboriginal Place Tourism Transport Interchange.
- \$3.6 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.6 million Restart package) for Cessnock Airport Upgrade.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier John Barilaro:

“Off the back of devastating drought, bushfires and floods, there has never been a more crucial time to support regional NSW with funding for transport, education, health and tourism. This budget has a strong focus on job creating infrastructure projects to ensure local economies remain strong and regional NSW continues to be a fantastic place to live and work. The NSW Government is once again delivering for our regions.”

Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter Taylor Martin:

“This budget will see a major injection in the Hunter’s infrastructure pipeline. Crucial investments include \$59.1 million for the new Maitland Hospital, \$34.4 million for the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct project and \$29 million to finalise planning and continue construction of early works on the Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Upper Hunter Dave Layzell:

“Thanks to the NSW Liberals and Nationals, the 2021-22 NSW Budget provides substantial funding for the Hunter region across major road infrastructure, water security projects, police stations, hospitals and TAFE education facilities.”