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BUDGET DELIVERS FOR THE ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN

In the 2021-22 NSW Budget, the Illawarra and Shoalhaven will receive significant funding boosts to key areas.

Key highlights from the Budget for the Illawarra and Shoalhaven include:

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.
- \$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.
- \$11.7 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$438 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 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.
- \$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 million in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all Emergency Service Organisations.

TRANSPORT

- \$88 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 million in 2021-22 to continue construction for the Nowra Bridge over the Shoalhaven River on the Princes Highway (State and Federal funded).
- \$61 million in 2021-22 to complete construction of the Princes Highway Upgrade from Berry to Bomaderry.
- \$55 million in 2021-22 to complete construction of the Albion Park Rail Bypass, Yallah to Oak Flats, Princes Highway.
- \$14 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.
- \$6.3 million in 2021-22 to continue planning for the Mount Ousley Interchange on the M1 Princes Motorway (State and Federal funded).

RESTART FUNDING

- \$21 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$41 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 Shoalhaven Sustainable Tourism Infrastructure Package.
 - \$4 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5 million Restart package) for Albatross Aviation Technology Park.
 - \$3 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$16 million Restart package) for Illawarra Regional Airport.

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 Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock:

“I am pleased to announce this Budget is truly delivering for the people of the South Coast. We welcome \$5.3 million to establish a new primary school in South Nowra/Worrigee as well as continued funding for crucial health and education infrastructure across the electorate.”

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