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BUDGET DELIVERS FOR NORTHERN NSW

In the 2021- 2022 NSW Budget, Northern NSW will receive significant funding boosts to key areas.

Key highlights from the Budget for New England and North West include:

EDUCATION

- \$37.8 million in 2021-22 to replace Wee Waa High School, providing a modern and safe environment for students and staff.
- \$10.4 million in 2021-22 to complete Armidale Secondary College Upgrade.
- \$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

- \$4.7 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$60 million project) for the completion of the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment.
- \$2.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20 million project) for the Glen Innes Hospital upgrade.
- \$1 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$80 million project) for the commencement of the Moree Hospital Redevelopment.
- \$0.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$53 million project) for the commencement of the Gunnedah Hospital Redevelopment.

PLANNING

- \$1.9 million in 2021-22 (\$2 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 million in 2021-22, and \$75 million in total, for Special Activation Precincts PreDelivery Works, shared across the Moree, Snowy Mountains and Williamtown Special Activation Precincts.
- \$20 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$28 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economy including: \$12 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$14.0 million State funding) to redevelop Gunnedah Saleyards.
- \$6.7 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$9.5 million State funding) for the International Crop and Digital Agricultural Research Centre in Narrabri.
- \$1.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$2.6 million State funding) to replace Boston Street Bridge in Narrabri.

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 finalise planning and commence construction of heavy duty pavement on the Newell Highway, between North Narrabri and Moree (State and Federal funded).
- \$16 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 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$274 million Restart package) allocated directly to New England & North West local authorities and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
 - \$10 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20 million Restart package) for the Tamworth Enterprise Area and Intermodal Activation project.
 - \$9 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$20 million Restart package) to upgrades and improvements along the Thunderbolts Way
 - \$5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$17 million Restart package) for Narrabri Shire's Industrial and Logistics Hub.

Key highlights from the Budget for North Coast include:

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.
- 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 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$194 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 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.

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 million in 2021-22 (as part of an existing \$20 million project) for the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore precinct.
- \$2.2 million in 2021-22 (\$4 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 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$5.8 million State funding) under the NSW Premier Aboriginal Experience project to collaborate with leading Aboriginal Corporations to deliver an Aboriginal ecotourism experience in Coffs Harbour.

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

- \$100 million in 2021-22 for planning and preconstruction of the Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour Bypass (State and Federal funded).
- \$27 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.
- \$0.5 million in 2021-22 to continue planning New England Highway heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield (Federal funded).

RESTART FUNDING

- \$52 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$111 million Restart package) allocated directly to North Coast local authorities and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
- \$4.8 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$10 million Restart package) for Coffs Harbour Airport Enterprise Park.
- \$3.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$6.7 million Restart package) for Calypso Holiday Park redevelopment in Yamba.
- \$2 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$4.0 million Restart package) for Southern Cross Expansion and Innovation Precinct in Ballina.

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 Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall:

“This Budget rounds out a commitment by the NSW Government to redevelop all major health services in the Northern Tablelands electorate, with funding for the commencement of the new Moree and District Hospital and the Glen Innes Hospital redevelopment. High quality health care facilities are vital to attracting experienced medical practitioners to regional areas and keeping the community safe and healthy.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson:

“The NSW Liberals and Nationals have delivered for Tamworth with \$2.8 Million for the TAFE NSW Shared Services Centre in Tamworth as well as \$0.5 million for the commencement of the Gunnedah Hospital Redevelopment. This is fantastic news for our region.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Tweed Geoff Provest:

“We welcome the Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment and car park with \$288.6 million in the 2021-22 Budget. Once again, the NSW Liberals and Nationals government is delivering for our region.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmeh Singh:

“The 2021-22 budget sees a lot of investment in the Coffs Harbour electorate by the Liberal-Nationals Government. Continuation of major projects like the Coffs Harbour Bypass and the Coffs Harbour Hospital expansion are key budget items along with the new Office Hub, which will continue to support jobs and growth. We are working hard to make the Coffs Coast an even better place to live and the 2021-22 budget delivers on this commitment.”

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