

Media Release

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BUDGET DELIVERS FOR ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN

Illawarra and Shoalhaven will benefit from significant investments across a range of services in the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

Key highlights from the budget for Illawarra and Shoalhaven include:

EDUCATION

- \$18.4 million in 2022-23 to relocate Budawang School
- \$5.8 million in 2022-23 to establish a new primary school in South Nowra/Worrigeer
- \$1.0 million in 2022-23 to continue major upgrades at Bomaderry High School

HEALTH

Continued delivery of the:

- \$721.9 million New Shellharbour Hospital and Integrated Services and carpark
- \$438.0 million redevelopment for the Shoalhaven Hospital

REGIONAL NSW

Grants to boost local economies, including:

- \$8 million to deliver the first stage of the Southern Community and Recreation Precinct
- \$3.8 million to upgrade four showgrounds in Shoalhaven
- \$2.8 million to establish an Aboriginal-led land management team in Shoalhaven

TRANSPORT

- \$1.9 billion over four years to continue the transformation of the Princes Highway south of Nowra including to continue planning priority projects such as the Milton Ulladulla Bypass, Jervis Bay to Sussex Inlet Upgrade Stage 1 and Jervis Bay Road Intersection (state and federally funded)
- \$119.5 million 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 (state and federally funded)
- \$44.2 million to continue construction of the Nowra Bridge over the Shoalhaven River on the Princes Highway (state and federally funded)

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- \$3.9 million for the Mission Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program, for a centralised mission-critical emergency services paging network including upgrade and consolidation of existing agency networks into one whole-of-government paging network

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

- \$1.7 million to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office

Quotes

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole:

“The NSW Government is rolling out record investment in local services and community facilities, to support families and build an even brighter future for regional NSW. The Budget will see even more investment in quality services and crucial infrastructure upgrades in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven to help keep pace with the growth of South Coast communities.”

Quotes attributable to Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock:

“I am pleased to see this budget is truly delivering for the people of the South Coast. I welcome the \$1 million upgrade to Bomaderry High school, \$5.8 million for a new primary school in South Nowra to cater for increased student numbers, as well as continued funding for crucial health and education infrastructure across the electorate.”

Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Wollongong and the Illawarra Peter Poulos:

“The 2022-23 Budget reinforces the NSW Government’s ongoing commitment for vital projects across the Illawarra which includes the delivery of the \$721.9 million New Shellharbour Hospital, the \$286.7 million to continue planning works on the Mount Ousley interchange as well as the \$119.5 million to continue planning for upgrades of Picton Road. I welcome this important regional investment in renewing infrastructure and supporting communities across the Illawarra.”

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