

## Media Release

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### **BUDGET DELIVERS FOR CENTRAL WEST AND WESTERN NSW**

Western New South Wales will benefit from significant investments across a range of services in the 2022-23 NSW Budget, building on strong delivery for the Western regions under the NSW Government.

#### **Highlights from the Budget for Central West and Orana include:**

##### **EDUCATION**

- \$13.5 million in 2022-23 for ongoing major upgrades to Bletchington Public School
- \$9.4 million in 2022-23 for Millthorpe Public School to continue delivery of a new learning hub, library and major refurbishments

##### **HEALTH**

New funding for the:

- \$200.0 million redevelopment of Bathurst Hospital
- \$6.0 million upgrade to biomedical equipment across the Western NSW Local Health District

Continued delivery of the:

- \$306.3 million Dubbo Health Service redevelopment (Stages 1 to 4, car park and Cancer Centre)
- \$110.2 million Cowra Hospital redevelopment (including additional funding of \$40 million)
- \$6.0 million Canowindra HealthOne establishment
- \$4.0 million Bathurst Hospital MRI

##### **REGIONAL NSW**

- \$219.0 million project to complete delivery of the 4,800 hectare Parkes Special Activation Precinct
- \$2.8 million to upgrade the Glow Worm Tunnel visitor precinct
- \$1.1 million to refurbish the King George Oval and Blayney Netball Centre precinct
- \$1.0 million to construct a fire shelter and refilling stations in Wolgan Valley

##### **TRANSPORT**

- \$142.9 million to continue planning upgrades to the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow (state and federally funded), including commencing construction on the Medlow Bath and Cox's River Road sections of the highway

- \$88.6 million to continue construction of the Parkes Bypass, as part of the Newell Highway upgrades (state and federally funded)
- \$68.4 million for the planning and construction of overtaking lanes along the full length the Newell Highway (state and federally funded), including in the Central West
- \$32.8 million to commence construction of the new Dubbo Bridge on the Newell Highway over the Macquarie River, Dubbo (state and federally funded)
- \$20.3 million to complete upgrades to the Great Western Highway between Kelso and Raglan
- \$4.7 million for planning the Newell Highway Flood Mitigation works between West Wyalong and Forbes

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

- \$35 million for the construction of the NSW Police Dubbo Regional Education and Training Centre
- \$8.7 million for the construction of a new Blaney Police Station
- \$5.2 million for the Dubbo Court Expansion

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- \$52.1 million for the Spatial Data Infrastructure Program
- \$31.3 million for the NSW Spatial Digital Twin (Live.NSW)
- \$28.0 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
- \$7.1 million for Corsnet navigation/surveying system maintenance

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

- \$10.2 million to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office

Continued delivery of the:

- \$49.4 million Gardens of Stone Great Walk, a new ecotourism and adventure destination that will include Australia's longest zipline and an elevated canyon walk
- \$47.7 million new purpose-built office hub in Dubbo, to accommodate 650 workers from across government agencies, improving cross-agency collaboration and improve service delivery across western New South Wales

## **Highlights from the Budget for the Far West include:**

### **HEALTH**

New funding for the:

- \$15.3 million for the Key Health Worker Accommodation across Far West Local Health District
- \$10.0 million for the Broken Hill Hospital Emergency Department

Continued delivery of the:

- \$30.0 million redevelopment for the Wentworth Health Service

### **REGIONAL NSW**

Grants to boost local economies, including:

- At least \$30.0 million in digital connectivity improvements to move premise off satellite to fixed wireless under the Gig State Program, and improve mobile coverage under the Mobile Connectivity Active Sharing partnerships
- \$4.0 million for the Aboriginal Partnerships program to deliver employment, business development and economic prosperity in First Nations communities
- \$2.0 million to support and strengthen regional communities and councils, including priority projects and partnerships
- \$1.9 million for local amenities including change rooms, restrooms and the Aero Club Clubhouse
- \$757,494 to develop women's sporting facilities and community infrastructure in the Unincorporated Far West Region
- \$400,000 to upgrade James King Park and Junction Island Nature Reserve
- \$374,000 to install the Buronga Wetlands to Riverfront shared way
- \$284,377 to construct the Balranald Creative Community Learning Centre

### **TRANSPORT**

- \$5.5 million to continue sealing for the Silver City and Cobb Highways

### **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

- Continued delivery of the \$13.3 million Bourke Police Station upgrade

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- \$7.3 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**

- \$47 million to improve critical water supply infrastructure for Wilcannia (state and federally funded)
- \$45.5 million to improve critical water infrastructure by replacing pumps along the Nyngan to Cobar pipeline (state and federally funded)
- \$40.0 million to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office

## Quotes

### **Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole:**

“The 2022-23 NSW State Budget delivers for the people Western NSW. This vast and great region is important to the state’s continued economic growth and we have invested in important projects to improve the lives of the region’s communities and businesses.”

“Local MPs talk to me all the time about the needs and issues of their electorates and across the entire government they are taken seriously.”

“As Minister for Western New South Wales and MP for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders makes sure we align all the support for communities from schools to hospitals to roads to law and order.”

### **Minister for Western NSW Dugald Saunders:**

“Western NSW gets over \$1 billion in funding from the 2022-23 NSW Budget”

“There’s \$8.7 million for a new Blayney Police Station, \$35 million for ongoing work on the NSW Police Regional Education and Training Centre, and funding to continue the \$13.3 million upgrade to the Bourke Police Station.”

“To support the healthcare of locals we are investing \$306.3 million the next stage of the Dubbo Health Service, \$110.2 million for the Cowra Hospital redevelopment, and \$6 million to establish Canowindra HealthOne.”

“I look forward to working with local MPs, councils, businesses and communities as these important projects bring money and jobs to the region and further support the people of Western NSW.”

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