

NSW BUDGET 2025–26



Our plan for Regional New South Wales





Regeneration

A long time ago in this place we know now as New South Wales, this place was known by many names. The names known by the people who tended the land and nurtured it as it nurtured them.

A great storm came. The wind whipped across the land. It stripped the trees of their seeds, throwing them into the air. Then came the rain, drumming across the land. It hurled the seeds to the ground. And still down came the rain. It flooded the land, until there was nothing but water. And the seeds tossing in the turbulent water.

Slowly, the storm subsided. The wind quieted. The rain gentled to a fine mist, burned away by the sun. In time, the seeds began to germinate in the water. In time, the seeds regrew the land. They regrew the bush flowers and the trees.

They regrew the people of New South Wales. The seeds regenerated the land and the people. The people who will walk together, hand-in-hand, to nurture the land as it nurtures them, to heal the land and the people affected by the storm, and to build a future where all the people who call this place New South Wales can prosper.

– Josie Rose



Regeneration (2020)

Josie Rose is a Gumbaynggirr woman who expresses her contemporary Gumbaynggirr cultural heritage through art. For *Regeneration* her chosen medium is acrylic paint on canvas and the design embodies both creative and cultural expression. The inspiration for her artworks comes from a deep place of spiritual connection to her family, community, culture and respect for Mother Earth. Gumbaynggirr Country, on the Mid North Coast, is beautiful land with both freshwater and saltwater waterways which inspire her holistic connection to the Ancestors.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples and Traditional Custodians of Australia, and the oldest continuing culture in human history.

We pay respect to Elders past and present, and commit to respecting the lands we walk on, and the communities we walk with.

We celebrate the deep and enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country and acknowledge their continuing custodianship of the land, seas and sky.

We acknowledge the ongoing stewardship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the important contribution they make to our communities and economies.

We reflect on the continuing impact of government policies and practices, and recognise our responsibility to work together with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities, towards improved economic, social and cultural outcomes.

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Foreword



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Regional communities in New South Wales have faced many challenges in recent years, from floods, drought and biosecurity threats, to cost-of-living pressures.

The 2025-26 Budget includes measures to help with these challenges.

Increased disaster funding, extending our rebuild of essential services, boosting primary industry and investing in regional economic growth are all part of our plan to support our regions as we build a better New South Wales.

Over the next four years, **\$4.2 billion** of state and federal money will support disaster relief and recovery. Since the 2019-20 bushfires, disaster relief and recovery across the State has increased by more than 1,000 per cent compared to the six years prior to 2019-20.

We are boosting biosecurity with an additional **\$100.0 million** to protect our farmers' production, strengthen control and response programs, and defend our wonderful, unique natural environment for regional communities. We are also investing **\$41.2 million** to modernise the State's primary industries research and development program so our farmers have the future tools and knowledge to adapt and thrive.

This Budget includes **\$3.5 billion** over four years for hospitals across regional New South Wales, including new funding for the Wollongong Hospital and Health Precinct, and the Forbes Hospital Operating Theatre Redevelopment.

Over the next four years, **\$2.1 billion** will fund new and upgraded schools in regional New South Wales, ensuring every child has access to quality education facilities. The Government is also continuing to boost access to early learning through the delivery of 100 public preschools, with 49 to be built in the regions.

Upgrading roads and infrastructure is essential to improving safety, connectivity and economic opportunity across the State.



This Budget includes **\$2.8 billion** over four years in road-safety funding, with a further **\$48.0 million** to improve mobile coverage on major highways.

The Budget lays the foundation for our economic success in the regions through the investment and programs which will be unlocked by the new Investment Delivery Authority, the Future Jobs and Investment Authority, and the Future Jobs Investment Fund.

Whether it's helping farmers adapt to biosecurity threats, rebuilding hospitals and schools, or laying the foundations for new industries and jobs – we're backing our regions.

Because when the regions do well,
New South Wales does well.

The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC
NSW Treasurer

The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC
Minister for Agriculture
Minister for Regional New South Wales
Minister for Western New South Wales

Regional New South Wales highlights



3.2+
million

people call regional
New South Wales home



Over
286,000
regional businesses



61.1%

regional New South Wales
workforce participation rate



70%

share of owner-occupied
dwellings in regions



**\$2.1
billion**

over the next four years
to deliver new and
upgraded schools across
regional New South Wales



**\$3.5
billion**

capital investment over
the next four years for
regional hospitals and
health facilities



**\$100.0
million**

to sustain critical
biosecurity functions
to mitigate risks
to communities,
primary industries
and the environment



**\$100.8
million**

for primary industries
research and development
capabilities across the
State to deliver upgrades
to regional research
facilities and emergency
response sites



**\$2.8
billion**

in road safety funding over
four years, delivering on
commitments in the 2026
Road Safety Action Plan



**\$4.2
billion**

to continue to support
natural disaster and recovery
programs over the next four
years, including Australian
Government co-contributions



**\$27.3
million**

to support the
establishment of
the Future Jobs and
Investment Authority,
which will lead the
economic transition
of coal-reliant regions



**\$255.6
million**

for the Murray and
Murrumbidgee River
Constraints Program
to increase connections
between rivers and
wetlands and floodplains

Delivering essential services

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Supporting our primary industries

Biosecurity is a vital safeguard for the livelihood of regional and rural communities across New South Wales. The Government plays a central role fighting the threats posed by pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants to safeguard agricultural businesses. The 2025-26 Budget invests:

- **\$100.0 million** to sustain critical biosecurity functions to mitigate risks to communities, primary industries and the environment
- **\$41.2 million** to enhance and modernise primary industries research and development capabilities at priority research stations across the State, building on an existing **\$59.6 million** to deliver upgrades to regional research facilities and emergency response sites

- **\$9.3 million** to continue the Feral Pig and Pest Control Program targeting pigs and deer to protect the State's agricultural productivity and mitigate environmental and economic risks
- **\$1.4 million** to support the preparedness and national response capabilities in the event of an outbreak of high pathogenicity avian influenza, bringing the total allocation to **\$2.2 million**, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

The Budget also invests **\$17.6 million** for facility and asset upgrades, to address safety risks and enable delivery of key landholder and land management services, funded from the Local Land Services Future Fund.

Managing feral pigs and pest animals

Feral pigs and pest animals are invasive species that can have devastating impacts on agricultural production, leading to significant economic losses.

These animals cause damage to crops, pastures, waterholes and fencing. They can prey on livestock, introduce disease and parasites, and cause significant soil disruption and environmental damage.

The Government continues to implement the Feral Pig and Pest Control Program, reflecting its ongoing commitment to reduce population numbers, and their impact on the environment and the State's agricultural sector.

Over the past two years more than **212,000** feral pigs and **18,000** feral deer have been controlled through broadscale aerial and ground programs.

Local biosecurity officers continue to work with landholders to equip them to manage pest animals into the future, supported through education and training events, and free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training courses.

As part of the 2025-26 Budget, the Government is committing a further **\$9.3 million** to continue this program, as forecast drier weather presents an opportunity to suppress pest animal population growth.



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Investing in disaster response and recovery

Regional communities have been hard hit by natural disasters in recent years. The May 2025 floods in the Mid North Coast brought these challenges into sharp focus.

In the six years since the unprecedented 2019-20 bushfires, the NSW and Australian Governments have spent **\$9.5 billion** providing disaster relief and recovery across the State. That averages **\$1.6 billion** per year – more than a 1,000 per cent increase compared to **\$154.0 million** per year on average in the prior six years.

This Budget outlines a further **\$4.2 billion** of disaster relief over the forward estimates, a figure that is likely to increase in response to both previous and potentially new natural disasters. Including Australian Government co-contributions, this includes:

- **\$2.3 billion** for restoration works to repair local and state roads damaged in major flood events, including in the Hunter and Northern Rivers
- **\$1.6 billion** for other disaster relief and recovery programs funded through the Disaster Relief Account administered by the NSW Reconstruction Authority

- **\$63.2 million** for the Resilient Lands Program to unlock new home and land options in safe locations in the Northern Rivers and to support relocations
- **\$27.0 million** over three years for repair and restoration of water and sewer infrastructure in the Central West, damaged by severe weather and flooding in 2022.

The **\$4.2 billion** investment includes the following assistance measures in response to recent major disasters:

- **\$358.3 million** over four years, including Australian Government co-contributions, for disaster recovery and relief measures in response to the May 2025 East Coast floods. This includes **\$56.6 million** in immediate assistance in 2024-25
- **\$154.5 million** over three years, including Australian Government co-contributions, for disaster recovery and relief measures in response to Tropical Cyclone Alfred. This includes **\$125.5 million** in immediate assistance in 2024-25.

Improving community safety

The Government is committed to investing in measures to support community safety and wellbeing in regional and rural New South Wales.

The 2025-26 Budget provides additional investments to maintain emergency services capability to ensure they remain equipped to keep communities safe and respond to emergencies. This includes:

- **\$35.9 million** for Fire and Rescue NSW to maintain critical fire, rescue and hazardous materials response services
- **\$17.0 million** for additional Fire and Rescue NSW firefighting appliances. This will enhance operational flexibility and support response capacity, including in the regions
- investments in the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW Police Force to support ongoing aerial capability across firefighting, law enforcement and emergency operations.

To ensure regional communities receive early warnings and to help people make informed decisions during events such as flooding, fires and storms, the Budget also provides **\$6.4 million** to extend the Emergency Alert System.

As part of the broader regional crime response, the Budget also includes **\$5.1 million** in 2025-26 as part of the **\$20.8 million** commitment for the NSW Police Force to deliver Youth Action Meetings. These focus on young people who are persistent offenders, or who would benefit from early intervention and diversion. Youth Action Meeting Coordinators operate across regional and rural communities, including in local Police Districts across all regions in New South Wales.

Protecting our environment

Regional and rural New South Wales is home to many unique plant and animal species. Protecting the environment is a priority for this Government. The 2025-26 Budget includes:

- **\$41.4 million** for national park projects to reduce vulnerability to future natural disasters
- **\$16.7 million** in 2025-26 to support the establishment of an Office of Animal Welfare, and to support the animal welfare compliance and enforcement functions of approved charitable organisations
- **\$3.1 million** over two years for local initiatives that will drive improved environmental and First Nations heritage outcomes in regional areas.



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Secure water

This Budget builds on the Government's commitment to ensuring a secure, reliable and high-quality water supply for regional and rural New South Wales communities. This includes:

- **\$319.1 million** for the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism Program to improve river health and increase the amount of water returned to the environment
- **\$255.6 million** for the Murray and Murrumbidgee River Constraints Program to increase the frequency and extent that rivers connect to wetlands and floodplains in the Murrumbidgee and Murray River systems
- **\$18.7 million** to deliver the Pindari Dam Cold-Water Pollution and Fish Friendly Water Extraction projects under the federal Northern Basin Toolkit, fully funded by the Australian Government
- **\$15.0 million** over three years to continue the Town Water Risk Reduction Program into Phase Three.

To support flood mitigation activities, the Budget invests **\$82.1 million** over four years towards the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme Repairs and Rebuilding project.

Empowering First Nations communities

Regional and rural New South Wales is home to many First Nations people and holds significant cultural, historical and spiritual importance. The 2025-26 Budget includes a record **\$731.8 million** to support First Nations communities and build upon previous spend to improve outcomes.

The total Closing the Gap package is now **\$246.8 million**. This Budget includes a significant further investment in Closing the Gap, with **\$202.4 million** of new funding, including for regional and rural First Nations communities.

This investment includes:

- **\$23.8 million** to revitalise First Nations languages through investment in community-led language programs across New South Wales
- **\$19.9 million** for culturally responsive community-led suicide prevention initiatives across regional New South Wales
- **\$12.1 million** for the Aboriginal Employment Program to enable First Nations people to practise sustainable natural resource management in the care of flora, fauna and biodiversity
- **\$6.2 million** for the Community Connectors initiative to support First Nations high school students to overcome barriers to education and access culturally appropriate services across 17 schools in regional New South Wales
- **\$5.6 million** for Aboriginal Language and Culture Nests to enhance education outcomes in regional schools by supporting cultural preservation, student engagement and employment pathways for First Nations educators
- **\$5.5 million** for Regional Operations Model hubs to provide place-based mentorship for First Nations students and support their transition from school to further education, training and employment.



\$246.8 million

total Closing the Gap
package

Relieving cost-of-living pressures

Cost-of-living pressures remain a challenge for households across New South Wales, including regional communities. In 2025-26, the Government will assist households, including in the regions, with cost-of-living pressures through dozens of measures such as:

- energy rebates and concessions to families, pensioners, low-income households and other households across the State. This is in addition to the Australian Government's \$150 Energy Bill Relief payment
- water rebates to eligible pensioners and others experiencing financial hardship, to maintain access to water and wastewater services in the Hunter Valley and Far West
- providing financial assistance towards travel and accommodation costs when a patient needs to travel long distances for treatment that is not available locally through the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme
- the Vocational Training Assistance Scheme travel and accommodation allowance for apprentices or new entrant trainees who have to travel more than 120 km round trip to attend day or block-release training
- free parking at rural and regional public hospitals
- free entry to national parks for pension and veteran cardholders.



Wellington

Building for growth in regional New South Wales

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Tweed

Improving health services

High-quality and timely access to healthcare is critical for the health and wellbeing of regional communities.

This Budget brings the total regional health capital investment to **\$3.5 billion** over the next four years, including:

- continuing the **\$330.0 million** Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Redevelopment
 - **\$220.0 million** to support the future expansion and redevelopment of the Wollongong Hospital and Health Precinct, involving early and enabling works including site investigation, land acquisition and refurbishment works
 - **\$23.1 million** for the Dubbo Alcohol and Other Drug Residential Rehabilitation Centre to provide a safe and supportive environment where individuals can develop skills to cope and address the underlying causes of substance use, while maintaining a connection to their community when receiving care
 - **\$20.2 million** for the Forbes Hospital Operating Theatre Redevelopment to build a new contemporary operating theatre and supporting spaces, incorporating integrated and virtual care technology
 - **\$7.5 million** to increase the existing car parking capacity at the new Maitland Hospital.
- The 2025-26 Budget also provides new investments to support delivery of health services across the State and in the regions, including:
- **\$836.4 million** in 2025-26 for the Essential Health Services Package to support core health services and reduce overdue surgeries. It also funds the opening of new and upgraded hospitals including Gunnedah Hospital and the Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program
 - **\$158.8 million** to continue delivering three new regional helicopter bases to improve ambulance response times
 - **\$83.8 million** for a Maternity Care and First 2,000 Days Package that includes measures to grow and upskill the maternity workforce, and increase midwifery continuity of care and parenting support in regional areas
 - **\$37.5 million** to expand the mobile dental van program and other dental services for people in regional communities, First Nations people, disadvantaged children and communities with a high-risk of dental disease
 - **\$15.4 million** in 2025-26 to boost the community mental health workforce, enhance mental health support for young people with severe and complex mental illness and provide regional communities with mental health support
 - **\$15.0 million** in 2025-26 for operational expenses to address increasing costs of rural and regional transportation for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



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Strengthening our education system

Every child has the right to a world-class education to ensure they get the best possible start to life. The Government is rebuilding public education to ensure every child across New South Wales has access to high-quality education, regardless of location.

Investment by the NSW Government to address the teacher shortage crisis it inherited includes scrapping the wages cap, delivering a historic pay rise for teachers, reducing excessive administrative workload, making thousands of teachers permanent and valuing the profession.

This has led to schools in regional New South Wales starting the 2025 school year with 47 per cent fewer vacancies than the same time in 2023.

The new 10-year Better and Fairer Schools Agreement injects **\$10.4 billion** of funding to New South Wales public schools over the next 10 years.

In the 2024-25 Budget, the NSW Government invested a record **\$1.4 billion** in rural and regional schools to rebuild public education. In the past 12 months alone, 10 school upgrades have been delivered, while construction has commenced on a further five.

The 2025-26 Budget builds on this progress by investing **\$2.1 billion** over the next four years to deliver new and upgraded schools across regional New South Wales, including:

- the rebuild of Willyama High School as a brand-new, world-class school
- a new primary school for the West Dapto area.

In addition to new and upgraded schools, the Government is continuing to deliver on its commitment to boost access to early learning through the delivery of 100 public preschools, with 49 to be built in the regions. Infrastructure tenders and planning approvals have started across all sites, with two due to open in 2025-26 at Hillvue and Taree Public Schools. The 2025-26 Budget funds an additional public preschool co-located within the new primary school at West Dapto.

This Budget also invests **\$10.0 million** in 2025-26 to progress work on expanding the public provision of early childhood education and care in New South Wales.

Building skills

The 2025-26 Budget provides record funding for TAFE NSW, including in the regions, with investment increasing for the third successive year to **\$2.8 billion** in 2025-26. This is critical to growing our skilled workforce.

This Budget includes funding for **\$480.4 million** over four years for asset renewal and critical capital maintenance. This investment is on top of **\$215.9 million** for 1,300 apprentices and trainees in local government, funded in last year's Budget.

This record funding will support the delivery of high-quality education and training in the regions, and continued work to establish TAFE NSW Manufacturing Centres of Excellence in the Illawarra and Hunter/Newcastle. The Centres of Excellence, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government, will connect industry and education partners to deliver innovative microskills, microcredentials and Higher Apprenticeships.



Nanima

Connecting regional communities through transport and roads

Transport networks and roads are critical to life in regional New South Wales, connecting communities and supporting the movement of goods produced in our regions to national and international markets.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the roads and transport networks used by regional and rural communities daily are reliable and safe so people can travel to work, education and health facilities, visit family and friends, and keep our supply chains moving.

The 2025-26 Budget allocates funding for new projects and continues to deliver existing priorities. This includes the following, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government:

- **\$2.8 billion** in road safety funding over four years, including for safety trials, intersection upgrades, and new barriers and medians, delivering on commitments in the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan
- **\$741.7 million** over four years to continue the M1 to Raymond Terrace extension and Hexham Straight widening projects
- **\$680.5 million** over four years to continue the Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade, including construction of the Milton Ulladulla Bypass, Jervis Bay Road intersection upgrade and Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road upgrade, and safety and productivity upgrades
- **\$548.5 million** over four years to continue construction of the Coffs Harbour Bypass
- **\$341.8 million** over four years for the Wyong Town Centre upgrade
- **\$294.9 million** over four years to continue construction of the Singleton Bypass
- **\$267.1 million** over four years to continue major construction of the Mount Ousley Interchange
- **\$267.0 million** over four years to fast-track the Muswellbrook Bypass
- **\$237.7 million** over four years to continue delivery of new Dubbo Bridge, heavy duty pavement upgrades, intersection upgrades at Hargraves Lane and Federation Street connecting the Newell Highway, Oxley Highway and Castlereagh Highway
- **\$206.0 million** over four years to develop and deliver grade separation road interfaces at two selected sites between Parkes and the Victorian border
- **\$115.0 million** for the Terrigal Drive Upgrade
- **\$101.1 million** over four years to continue improvements on the Barton Highway for road safety
- **\$100.0 million** for the Westbound Overpass at the Maitland Roundabout
- **\$52.2 million** for the Peak Hill Road Upgrade, Tooraweenah Road Upgrade, Central Coast Roads Package, Coreen Avenue and Coombes Drive Upgrades, Kurrajong Road Intersection Upgrade at Beech Road and Lyn Parade, and Coreen Avenue and Lemongrove Road Signals
- **\$50.7 million** over four years to continue the upgrade of Avoca Drive in Kincumber
- **\$19.1 million** over four years for the duplication of the Great Western Highway through Medlow Bath
- **\$5.7 million** for heavy vehicle rest stops to combat driver fatigue (fully funded by the NSW Government)
- **\$3.0 million** to continue the Regional Network East/West Upgrade Program to support freight movements and improve reliability on the regional rail network (fully funded by the NSW Government).



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Supporting regional economic development

Having repaired the budget and with inflation coming down, our task now is to lay the foundation for future economic growth in regional New South Wales.

This Budget continues investing in transformational infrastructure to support growing populations in the regions, including:

- **\$322.5 million** over the next four years to enhance digital connectivity, including **\$48.0 million** to deliver improved mobile coverage on identified major highways in New South Wales (including **\$10.0 million** Australian Government funding)
- **\$123.6 million** for the Growing Regions Program to deliver community and economic infrastructure projects, funded by the Australian Government, to revitalise regions, and enhance amenity and liveability across regional and rural New South Wales
- **\$48.3 million** for the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, funded by the Australian Government, to deliver precincts that are tailored to local needs and have a shared vision for how the precinct connects to its region
- **\$20.9 million** to support regional councils to bring forward critical enabling infrastructure for new homes during the National Housing Accord period, by funding interest on loans.



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To support the continued growth and sustainability of key industries, the Budget invests **\$45.0 million** to support farmers and agribusinesses in the adoption of digital technology and on-farm connectivity solutions, to improve resource management, boost productivity and enhance water security.

The Government has also invested in:

- **\$50.0 million** for the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program, supporting initiatives to promote regional economic development and job creation
- **\$15.0 million** for airstrip improvements in rural and remote New South Wales
- **\$10.0 million** for the Western NSW Workforce Activation Package, supporting early childhood education in the Far West
- **\$5.0 million** for the Aboriginal Economic Development Package, supporting First Nations businesses
- **\$5.0 million** for a low-interest loan program targeting food and beverage manufacturing businesses
- **\$2.0 million** to extend the Western Air Services Subsidy, enabling commercial flights to Bourke, Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Cobar.



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Laying the foundation for regional economic growth

Regional New South Wales is home to a wide range of businesses and industries, supporting jobs, fuelling economic development and presenting investment opportunities.

To support this, the NSW Government is delivering Special Activation Precincts, a series of world-class, sustainable business hubs that build on the competitive and industrial strengths of the regions in which they are located.

The precincts are designed to support strategic partnerships with investors with a focus on long-term success.

The four Special Activation Precincts in development are:

Parkes

This **\$332.2 million** precinct takes advantage of Parkes' proximity to the Inland Rail Project and Trans-Australia Railway to establish an efficient freight and logistics hub, and to facilitate the establishment of recycling and resource recovery, critical mineral processing, food manufacturing and renewable energy industries.

Moree

This **\$224.8 million** precinct capitalises on the region's existing agricultural industry, secure water resources and transport access by providing a new business hub specialising in high-value horticulture, agrifood processing, freight logistics and renewable energy.

Wagga Wagga

This **\$212.2 million** precinct capitalises on the Inland Rail Project and existing Bomen Business Park, attracting renewables and recycling industries, advanced manufacturing, agribusiness, innovation and education, and freight and logistics industries.

Snowy Mountains

This **\$196.3 million** precinct will support mixed housing supply and grow the region into an all-year-round tourism destination, focusing on tourism, recreation, commercial and residential businesses, while preserving the important environmental and heritage values of the Snowy.



Parkes

Transforming our clean energy future

This Budget continues the Government's investment in the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, transforming our electricity system to provide clean, reliable and affordable energy. The switch to renewable generation is at the core of the transition to net zero emissions, and is critical in supporting economic growth and job creation in the regions.

This Budget includes continued investment of **\$2.1 billion** over the next four years in the Transmission Acceleration Facility, primarily to support the five Renewable Energy Zones at Central-West Orana, New England, Hunter-Central Coast, Illawarra and South West. This builds on **\$1.1 billion** invested to date on these critical projects.

This investment has enabled the finalisation of arrangements for the delivery of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone transmission project, unlocking **\$20.0 billion** in private investment into the Central-West Orana region by 2030, which will support more than 5,000 construction jobs at its peak.

To support the construction of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone, the 2025-26 Budget invests an additional **\$115.5 million** to construct a logistics precinct at the Port of Newcastle, to facilitate storage and transportation of critical components. This project is expected to support around 90 construction jobs and 20 full-time positions once operational.

The Government is also committed to ensuring the benefits of Renewable Energy Zones are realised by local communities and is continuing the Community and Benefits Program. **\$128.0 million** has been allocated to the communities which will host the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone, with future funding for other Renewable Energy Zone host communities.



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Regional highlights

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Central Coast



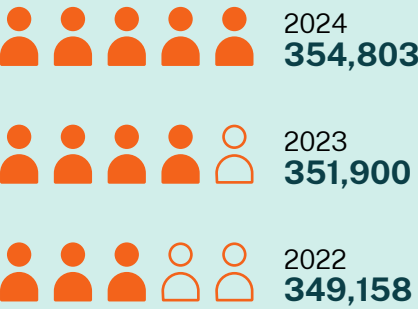
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Central Coast

Local Government Area
Central Coast

Population



Health

- An additional **\$864,138** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing to deliver the:

- new Lisarow Ambulance Station as part of the **\$615.5 million** NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program
- **\$200.0 million** for the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1
- palliative care ward in Wyong as part of the **\$93.0 million** World Class End of Life Care Program
- **\$6.4 million** for the Wyong Hospital's Cancer Day Unit expansion.

Education

- Upgrades to high schools in Lisarow and Narara Valley as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Ongoing work to progress delivery of the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at the Tuggerawong and Umina Beach Public Schools.
- At the start of the 2025 school year, teacher vacancies had reduced by more than 75 per cent in the Central Coast Local Government Area, compared to the peak of the teacher shortage crisis in 2022.

Transport and Roads

- **\$341.8 million** over four years to continue the Wyong Town Centre upgrade (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$115.0 million** from the Australian Government for the Terrigal Drive upgrade.

- **\$50.7 million** over four years to continue the upgrade of Avoca Drive in Kincumber (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$50.5 million** over four years to continue the Mandalong Road Upgrade (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$47.8 million** over four years to continue the Tumby Road and Central Coast Highway intersection upgrade.
- **\$29.0 million** over four years to continue planning and design for the Gosford Bypass.
- **\$15.0 million** from the Australian Government for the Empire Bay Drive Intersection Strategy.

Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

- **\$6.0 million** to fund the Gosford Waterfront Activation, allowing the community to enjoy the Gosford waterfront in new and improved ways.



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Central West and Orana



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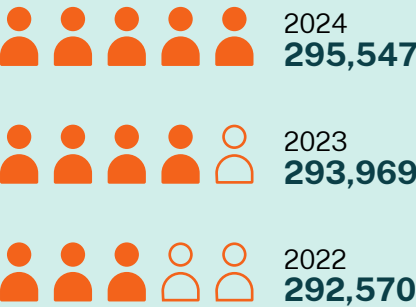


Parkes

Local Government Areas

Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle Shire and Weddin

Population



Health

- **\$23.1 million** for the Dubbo Alcohol and Other Drug Residential Rehabilitation Centre.
- **\$20.2 million** for the Forbes Hospital Operating Theatre Redevelopment for a new contemporary operating theatre.
- An additional **\$5.2 million** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.
- Continuing to deliver the **\$200.0 million** Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment and the **\$110.2 million** Cowra Hospital Redevelopment.

Education

- Upgrades to Canobolas Rural Technology High School in Orange, and high schools in Lithgow and Forbes as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Ongoing work to deliver the 100 public preschools commitment, including at Parkes East Public School.
- **\$1.8 million** for Community Connectors to continue providing support to First Nations high school students in Dubbo and Orange.

Transport and Roads

- **\$237.7 million** over four years to continue delivery of new Dubbo Bridge, heavy duty pavement upgrades, intersection upgrades at Hargraves Lane and Federation Street connecting the Newell Highway, Oxley Highway and Castlereagh Highway (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$206.0 million** over four years to continue delivering grade separation road interfaces at two sites between Parkes and the Victorian border (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$60.3 million** over four years to continue the implementation of safety improvements on Bells Line of Road (Australian Government funded).

- **\$19.1 million** over four years to continue the Great Western Highway through Medlow Bath (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$5.4 million** over four years to reopen Wallerawang Railway Station.
- **\$2.0 million** to investigate a new train stabling facility at Orange, to extend new rail services from Sydney.

Communities and Justice

- **\$830,000** for the Down The Track Program for young people in Lake Cargelligo and Murrin Bridge.
- Continuing the **\$9.4 million** new Lithgow Fire Station.

Disaster Recovery

- Continuing the **\$40.0 million** Resilient Homes Program – Central West, to enable flood tolerance for existing houses.
- **\$27.0 million** for repair and restoration of water and sewer infrastructure in the Central West, damaged by 2022 severe weather and flooding.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- Continuing **\$128.0 million** of community and employment benefit grants to deliver infrastructure, housing and community projects with lasting benefits for residents in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone.
- **\$9.4 million** for the Macquarie Wambuul Water Security Project.
- **\$7.8 million** for the Belubula Water Security Project.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

- Continuing **\$332.2 million** to transform the Parkes freight and logistics hub.
- **\$27.3 million** to establish the Future Jobs and Investment Authority to coordinate new economic opportunities in coal-producing communities.

Far West



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Bourke

Local Government Areas

Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina,
Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar,
Walgett and Wentworth

Population

2024
43,584

2023
43,650

2022
43,462

Health

- An additional **\$3.5 million** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing to deliver the:

- **\$30.0 million** Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment
- **\$12.0 million** Broken Hill Hospital Emergency Department Upgrade
- new Broken Hill Mental Health Unit as part of the **\$669.8 million** Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program.

Education

- Upgrades at Broken Hill High School as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Investment to rebuild Willyama High School.
- Ongoing work to progress delivery of the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at the Menindee Central School and Morgan Street Public Schools.
- **\$1.8 million** for Community Connectors to continue providing support to First Nations high school students in Lightning Ridge and Wilcannia.

Transport and Roads

- **\$5.7 million** for heavy vehicle rest stops to combat driver fatigue.

Communities and Justice

- **\$49.2 million** in government-owned residential housing in out-of-home care, built or upgraded to deliver safe and stable housing for children 12+ with complex needs, including homes in Hunter, Far West and other regional locations.

Continuing to deliver:

- **\$13.3 million** for major upgrades to Bourke Police Station
- **\$9.8 million** for the new Broken Hill Fire Station.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- Continuing **\$236.7 million** over four years for Broken Hill water and sewerage services, including upgrades to maintain and replace ageing infrastructure.
- Continuing **\$24.8 million** for the Wilcannia Weir Refurbishment Project, co-funded by the Australian Government, aiming to improve water security, upgrade infrastructure and minimise public health risks.
- **\$3.5 million** in additional funding for the National Water Grid Nyngan to Cobar Project, co-funded by the Australian Government. This is in addition to the **\$36.3 million** previously funded and aims to replace two pump stations at Nyngan and Hermidale.
- **\$2.2 million** for the Blue Plaques Program to deliver the Freedom Ride plaque trail and to construct a pavilion in the Freedom Ride Memorial Park, Walgett.
- **\$780,000** for Gayini (Nimmie-Caira) project management and construction activities to repair the flood damaged assets at Gayini by floods in September 2022.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

- Continuing the **\$10.0 million** Western NSW Workforce Activation Package to establish, expand or upgrade early childhood education and care across Bourke, Broken Hill and Cobar.
- **\$1.0 million** over two years additional contribution for the development of the Australia Opal Centre in Lightning Ridge.

Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

- **\$6.0 million** over two years to support priority asset and infrastructure work to increase the capacity and capability of the Central Darling Shire Council as it exits administration.

Hunter



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Port Stephens

Local Government Areas

Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, MidCoast, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens, Singleton and Upper Hunter Shire

The metropolitan Newcastle Local Government Area is included in population numbers but is not considered part of regional New South Wales.

Population



2024
810,491



2023
798,881



2022
787,159

Health

- **\$7.5 million** to increase car parking capacity at the new Maitland Hospital.
- An additional **\$864,138** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing delivery of the:

- **\$835.0 million** John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct
- **\$180.0 million** Lower Mid North Coast Health Service (Manning and Forster-Tuncurry)
- **\$138.0 million** Cessnock Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$45.0 million** Muswellbrook Hospital Redevelopment – Stage 3.

Education

- Upgrades to high schools in Lake Macquarie and Muswellbrook as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program and an upgrade at Thornton Public School.
- Net Zero Manufacturing Centre of Excellence located at TAFE NSW Tighes Hill in Newcastle, to train the future net zero workforce.
- Continuing a new primary school and high school in Huntlee, and a new preschool at the primary school.
- Continuing the 100 public preschools commitment at the Booragul, Cessnock, Ellalong, Gillieston, Kearsley, Kurri Kurri, Maryland, Moorland, Nulkaba, Shortland, Taree, Tenambit, Teralba and Weston Public Schools.

Transport and Roads

Partnering with the Australian Government to deliver:

- **\$741.7 million** over four years to continue the M1 to Raymond Terrace extension and Hexham Straight widening projects
- **\$294.9 million** over four years to continue construction of the Singleton Bypass

- **\$267.0 million** over four years to fast-track the Muswellbrook Bypass
- **\$100.0 million** for the Westbound Overpass at the Maitland Roundabout.

Communities and Justice

- **\$49.2 million** in government-owned residential housing in out-of-home care, built or upgraded to deliver safe and stable housing for children 12+ with complex needs, including homes in Hunter, Far West and other regional locations.
- **\$8.7 million** to continue the Singleton Police Station upgrade.
- **\$4.6 million** to enhance the local community and visitor experience at the Tomaree Lodge site.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- **\$530.0 million** to design and build the Belmont Desalination Plant. The plant will add up to 30 million litres per day of rainfall independent water supply.
- **\$115.5 million** to build the Newcastle Logistics Precinct, a critical new hub to support the delivery of more reliable and affordable renewable energy.
- **\$82.1 million** over four years towards the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme Repairs and Rebuilding Project to support flood mitigation activities.
- **\$21.5 million** over five years to nourish sand on Stockton Beach, protect assets and rehabilitate the coast.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

- **\$27.3 million** to establish the Future Jobs and Investment Authority to coordinate new economic opportunities in coal-producing communities.

Illawarra-Shoalhaven



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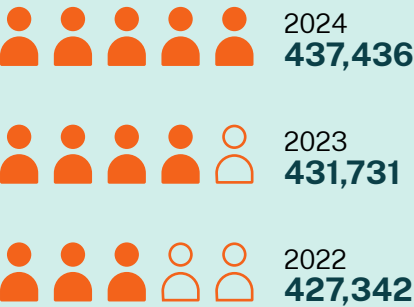
Wollongong

Local Government Areas

Kiama, Shellharbour and Shoalhaven

The metropolitan Wollongong Local Government Area is included in population numbers but is not considered part of regional New South Wales.

Population



Health

- **\$220.0 million** to support the future expansion and redevelopment of the Wollongong Hospital and Health Precinct. The proposed expansion involves early and enabling works including site investigation, land acquisition and refurbishment works.
- An additional **\$1.7 million** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing to deliver the:

- **\$781.9 million** New Shellharbour Hospital and Integrated Services and car park
- **\$440.4 million** Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$28.8 million** Waminda Birth Centre and Community Hub
- **\$7.5 million** Milton Ulladulla Hospital upgrades.

Education

- A new primary school in West Dapto, including a new preschool.
- The Illawarra Heavy Industry Manufacturing Centre of Excellence located at the TAFE NSW Wollongong campus, which will provide training and education for the future heavy-industry manufacturing workforce. Detailed planning is underway, with the centre set to open for delivery in late 2027.
- Ongoing work to progress delivery of the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at Barrack Heights, Bomaderry, Greenwell Point, Lake Illawarra South and Sanctuary Point Public Schools, and alongside the new primary school in Nowra.
- As at the start of the 2025 school year, teacher vacancies had reduced by an average of 71 per cent across the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Government Areas, compared to the peak of the teacher shortage crisis in 2022.

Continuing to deliver:

- a new primary school at Calderwood, including a new preschool
- Ulladulla High School upgrade
- Ulladulla Public School upgrade
- Milton Public School upgrade
- Bomaderry High School upgrade
- Vincentia High School upgrade.

Transport and Roads

- **\$680.5 million** over four years to continue the Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade, including construction of the Milton Ulladulla Bypass, Jervis Bay Road intersection upgrade and Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road upgrade, and safety and productivity upgrades (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$267.1 million** over four years to continue major construction of the Mount Ousley Interchange (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$20.0 million** additional funding towards the delivery of new south-facing ramps on the Princes Motorway at Dapto (NSW and Australian Government funded).

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- **\$1.5 million** for coastal waterway improvements on the South Coast.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

- **\$27.3 million** to establish the Future Jobs and Investment Authority to coordinate new economic opportunities in coal-producing communities.

Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

- Continuing the **\$35.0 million** investment into 60 build-to-rent apartments in Bomaderry delivered by Landcom.

New England and North West



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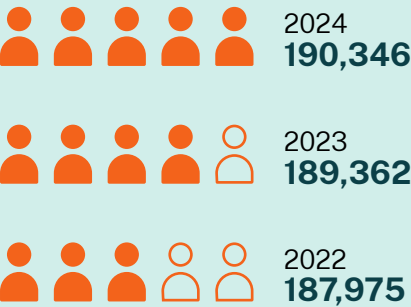


Armidale

Local Government Areas

Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha

Population



Health

- An additional **\$2.6 million** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing to deliver the:

- **\$105.0 million** Moree Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$50.0 million** Glen Innes Hospital upgrade.

Education

- Upgrades at Tamworth High School as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Ongoing work to progress delivery of the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at Toomelah, Hillvue and Warialda Public Schools.
- Continuing works on local upgrades at the following schools:
 - Armidale City Public School
 - Woolomin Public School
 - Tamworth High School
 - Niangala Public School
 - Rocky River Public School.
- **\$1.8 million** for Community Connectors to continue providing support to First Nations high school students in Armidale and Tamworth.
- As at the start of the 2025 school year, teacher vacancies had reduced by an average of 52.1 per cent across the New England and North West Local Government Areas, compared to the peak of the teacher shortage crisis in 2022.

Transport and Roads

Partnering with the Australian Government to deliver:

- **\$54.4 million** over four years to continue planning for the New England Highway duplication (Goonoo Goonoo Road)
- **\$31.0 million** over four years to continue the Newell Highway Heavy Duty Pavement Program to deliver over 20 kilometres of new pavement, intersection improvements, widening of road shoulders and the provision of five additional overtaking lanes between Narrabri and Moree.

Communities and Justice

- **\$1.3 million** to continue the Keep on Track Program for a further two years in Moree, Narrabri, Armidale and Tamworth.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- Continuing **\$58.2 million** in partnership with the Australian Government for the Northern Basin Toolkit to improve the ecological health of Northern Basin rivers through environmental infrastructure.
- **\$3.0 million** in 2025-26 for the Tamworth Advanced Water Treatment Plant to investigate treatment and use of recycled wastewater by reducing demand on potable community water supplies.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

- Continuing the **\$224.8 million** Moree Special Activation Precinct to support Moree becoming a thriving business hub, with sustainable water endowments and new technologies to support diversifying its strong agricultural economy.
- **\$27.3 million** to establish the Future Jobs and Investment Authority to coordinate new economic opportunities in coal-producing communities.

North Coast



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Casino

Local Government Areas

Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Nambucca Valley, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley and Tweed

Population

2024
556,913

2023
551,289

2022
546,490

Health

- An additional **\$3.5 million** First Nations community-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing to deliver the:

- **\$265.0 million** Port Macquarie Hospital Upgrade
- **\$263.8 million** Grafton Base Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$13.0 million** betterment of Lismore Ambulance Station
- **\$3.4 million** betterment of Mullumbimby Ambulance Station.

Education

- Upgrades at Casino High School as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Ongoing delivery of the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at Bowraville Central School, and Lennox Head, Tacking Point and Wollongbar Public Schools.
- Continuing the Lennox Head Public School relocation.
- As at the start of the 2025 school year, teacher vacancies had reduced by an average of 72.9 per cent across the North Coast Local Government Areas, compared to the peak of the teacher shortage crisis in 2022.

Transport and Roads

- **\$548.5 million** over four years to continue construction of the Coffs Harbour Bypass (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$36.5 million** over four years to continue work on the Pacific Highway Harrington Road Intersection Upgrade (NSW and Australian Government funded).

- **\$23.3 million** over four years to continue improving safety, reliability and travel times on Waterfall Way.
- **\$3.9 million** additional funding to upgrade the Bruxner Highway and Alphadale Road intersection, bringing total commitment to **\$11.4 million**.

Communities and Justice

- **\$7.0 million** for the new Goonellabah Fire Station, and to continue works to deliver an **\$8.2 million** new Byron Bay Fire Station on an alternative site.
- **\$1.8 million** in 2025-26 for the Lismore Courthouse Resilience Improvement Project.

Disaster Recovery

- **\$359.2 million** over four years to complete the Resilient Homes Program – Northern Rivers to enable flood tolerance for existing houses.
- **\$63.2 million** over four years to complete the Resilient Lands Program to help relocate Northern Rivers residents impacted by the 2022 floods.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- **\$12.5 million** in additional funding from the Australian Government for a water treatment plant, and storage, pumping and distribution infrastructure at Steuart McIntyre Dam for Kempsey.
- **\$2.5 million** to investigate options to improve water security for towns in the Far North Coast region.

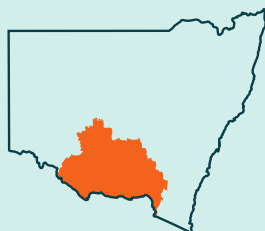
Primary Industries and Regional Development

- Measures to prevent the spread of fire ants from South East Queensland.

Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

- Continuing to deliver the **\$30.0 million** investment into 50 build-to-rent apartments in East Lismore delivered by Landcom.

Riverina Murray



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Albury

Local Government Areas

Albury, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra Gundagai, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga

Population

2024
288,716

2023
286,755

2022
284,788

Health

- An additional **\$1.7 million** for First Nations-led culturally responsive suicide prevention initiatives.

Continuing to deliver the:

- **\$558.0 million** Albury–Wodonga Regional Hospital, including a **\$20.0 million** contribution from the Australian Government
- **\$250.0 million** Griffith Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$95.0 million** Temora Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$25.0 million** Finley Hospital Upgrade
- **\$1.0 million** planning for Wagga Wagga Health and Knowledge Precinct.

Education

- Upgrades at Koorinal High School in Wagga Wagga as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Progressing the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at Beelbangara, Deniliquin South, Hanwood, Leeton and Parkview Public Schools, and alongside the new primary school in Albury Thurgoona.
- Continuing to deliver the Albury Thurgoona new primary school, upgrades at Parkview Public School and new halls for high schools in Griffith.
- At the start of the 2025 school year, teacher vacancies had reduced by an average of 32.5 per cent across the Riverina Murray Local Government Areas, compared to the peak of the teacher shortage crisis in 2022.

Transport and Roads

- **\$206.0 million** over four years to continue delivering the Tichborne and Harris Gates Grade Separation Road Interface to enable grade separations on the Inland Rail alignment south of Parkes (NSW and Australian Government funded).

- **\$30.0 million** for the Wagga Wagga Freight Rail Bypass planning (Australian Government funded).
- **\$23.1 million** over four years to continue widening the Marshalls Creek Bridge and reduce congestion in Wagga Wagga.

Communities and Justice

- **\$4.2 million** in total funding to continue piloting new diversionary programs, including the Cockatoo Initiative in the Riverina area for a further two years.
- Continuation of the **\$8.0 million** new Moama Police Station project.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- **\$319.1 million** for the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism Program to improve river health and increase the amount of water returned to the environment.
- **\$255.6 million** for the Murray and Murrumbidgee River Constraints Program to increase connections to the Murrumbidgee and Murray River systems.
- **\$63.5 million** for the Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program to modernise water infrastructure across the Leeton and Griffith Shire Regions.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

- Continuing the **\$212.2 million** Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct to be a sustainable hub of high-value agricultural and food manufacturing.
- **\$17.5 million** over two years for projects with the Australian Government, including the Albury Entertainment Centre, expansion of Albury Airport and the Oddies Creek Splash Park.
- **\$12.7 million** over five years to invest in the Upper Murrumbidgee catchment to deliver a landscape scale program.

South East and Tablelands



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Pambula Beach

Local Government Areas

Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan Palerang, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan Shire, Wingecarribee and Yass Valley

Population

2024
299,368

2023
295,922

2022
293,186

Health

Continuing to deliver the:

- **\$330.0 million** Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$165.0 million** Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$40.0 million** Bombala Multipurpose Service
- **\$26.6 million** Cooma Hospital Redevelopment
- **\$20.0 million** Batemans Bay Community Health Centre
- **\$1.8 million** Women's and Family Maternity Care Centre at Yass.

Education

- Upgrades to specialist facilities at high schools in Batemans Bay, Bowral and Moruya as part of the High Potential and Gifted Education School Partner Program.
- Continuing to deliver the Googong Public School Upgrade Stage 2, the Jerrabomberra High School Upgrade Stage 2 and the new Bungendore High School.
- Ongoing work to progress delivery of the Government's 100 public preschools commitment, including at Boorowa Central School, Jindabyne, Moss Vale, Queanbeyan East and Queanbeyan South Public Schools.
- **\$885,000** for Community Connectors to continue providing support to First Nations high school students in Bega.

Transport and Roads

- **\$101.1 million** over four years to continue improvements on the Barton Highway for road safety (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$21.2 million** over four years to continue for pavement surface upgrades on the Hume Highway at Marulan.

- **\$14.7 million** additional funding to upgrade the intersection of Yass Road, Bungendore Road and Ellerton Drive in Queanbeyan East, bringing the total commitment to **\$33.7 million**.
- **\$10.0 million** for planning and early investigations into transport network improvements in and around Narooma, including Narooma Bridge (NSW and Australian Government funded).
- **\$1.5 million** additional funding to upgrade Cuttagee Bridge, bringing the total commitment to **\$15.0 million**.

Communities and Justice

Continuing to deliver:

- **\$25.0 million** for major upgrades to the Goulburn Police Station
- **\$23.4 million** for major upgrades to the Bega Police Station, including a new forensic facility
- **\$2.0 million** Moss Vale Fire Station upgrade.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- **\$18.1 million** in additional funding from the Australian Government for the Yass Water Security Treatment Plant to upgrade treatment processes and electrical and control systems to enhance compliance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Primary Industries and Regional Development

Continuing to deliver:

- **\$196.3 million** in the Snowy Mountains region for essential infrastructure to support housing and all-year-round tourism, benefiting the community
- **\$5.3 million** to expand the Gaden Trout Hatchery to build resilience into fish populations within the Upper Murrumbidgee catchment.



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