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## MAKING THE HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST MORE CONNECTED

The 2019-20 NSW Budget delivers major investment in a wide range of areas for the Hunter, Newcastle and Central Coast.

With the Central Coast located at the centre of NSW's fastest growing corridor, its proximity to Sydney and Newcastle make it an ideal location for business and industry, whilst the Hunter region is an attractive tourist destination for visitors to NSW. The NSW Government is ensuring these regions have the full support to continue to grow, prosper and deliver for their residents.

Key highlights from the 2019-20 Budget include:

### CENTRAL COAST

- **\$104.6 million** to continue construction of the M1 Pacific Motorway widening between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges, and the Kariong and Somersby interchanges (in partnership with the Federal Government);
- **\$60.5 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$200 million project) for Stage 1 of the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$33.9 million** to continue construction of the Pacific Highway widening between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow;
- **\$24.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$348 million project) for the completion of the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$6.5 million** to complete the upgrade of the intersection of Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street at Kincumber;

### HUNTER

- **\$54 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$470 million project) for the Maitland Hospital construction;
- **\$37 million** towards Nelson Bay Road improvements;
- **\$16.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$40 million project) for the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$13.4 million** in 2019-20 allocated to developing the Hillsborough Indoor Sports Stadium;
- **\$8.6 million** in 2019-20 (\$10 million over 2 years) to establish an immersive play space in the heart of Gosford, designed in collaboration with the Local Aboriginal Land Council, to create a nature-inspired play and sensory experience for all ages;
- **\$3.5 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$780 million project) for the commencement of the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct;
- **\$2.8 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$18 million project) for the John Hunter Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Stages 2 and 3;

- **\$1.5 million** in 2019-20 (\$5.7 million over 2 years) for the revitalisation and upgrade of public space at the Newcastle Civic Station;

**Quotes attributable to Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen:**

“We’re investing heavily in upgrading our roads to make roads in the Hunter region safer and more connected. We’re also investing in our hospitals with \$3.5 million going towards John Hunter Hospitals Health & Innovation Precinct and \$2.8 million John Hunter Children’s Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to ensure the Hunter has a world class health precinct.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch:**

“I’m thrilled this Budget includes funding for vital road upgrades, including Central Coast Highway at Forresters Beach and the Empire Bay Drive roundabout at Kincumber. The Budget confirms that the Central Coast is of high priority to this Government, who knows it’s at the centre of NSW’s fastest growing corridor.”

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