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HEALTHY BUDGET FOCUSES ON HOSPITALS AND ROADS FOR NORTHERN NSW

In the 2019-20 NSW Budget, Northern NSW will receive funding boosts for hospitals and schools.

\$792 million has been committed to continue construction of the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina, providing vital infrastructure improvements.

Key highlights from the 2019-20 Budget include:

- **\$792.3 million** to continue construction of the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina (State and Federal funded);
- **\$97.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$582.1 million project) for the Tweed hospital and integrated Ambulatory Services;
- **\$54.3 million** to continue construction of the Newell Highway heavy duty pavement upgrade between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla (State and Federal funded);
- **\$53 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$312.8 million project) for the redevelopment of Lismore Hospital (Stages 3A, 3B and 3C);
- **\$52.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$194 million project) for the expansion of Coffs Harbour Hospital;
- **\$41.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$73 million project) for the Macksville Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$30.4 million** to continue construction of the New England Highway upgrade at Bolivia Hill (State and Federal funded);
- **\$25.7 million** to complete construction of the additional bridge over the Clarence River at Grafton;
- **\$23.4 million** for planning and preconstruction activities for the Pacific Highway bypass of Coffs Harbour (State and Federal funded);
- **\$19.8 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$60 million project) for the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$19.6 million** to continue construction of the second road over rail bridge at Gunnedah;
- **\$9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$17.5 million project) for the Grafton Ambulatory Care Centre redevelopment;
- **\$7.5 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$10 million project) for the Rural Health Infrastructure Program to upgrade health facilities at Tenterfield, Scone, Gloucester, and Dungog;
- **\$350,000** in 2019-20 for the planning and design of a co-located Fire and Rescue NSW and Ambulance station in Lismore;
- Upgrade to Tamworth Public School.

Quotes attributable to Member for Tweed Geoff Provest:

“This Budget delivers again for the Tweed region - huge investment for the Tweed Hospital and Ambulatory Services have been allocated. This shows our commitment to delivering premium healthcare facilities for Tweed.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead:

“This Budget is a great example of the Government’s strong economic and fiscal management providing great opportunities for the people of Myall Lakes. Upgrades to local infrastructure show we are delivering for the community.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson:

“Funding to upgrade the Tamworth Public School in the 2019-20 Budget is great news for the local Tamworth community. The NSW Liberals and Nationals deliver again for the Tamworth region.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Oxley Melinda Pavey:

“This Budget continues to deliver for the people of Oxley. With funding allocated for the Macksville Hospital Redevelopment health continues to remain a priority for the Oxley community.”

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