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BUDGET WIN FOR SOUTHERN NSW

In the 2020-21 NSW Budget, Southern NSW will receive funding boosts for hospitals and schools.

Key highlights from the Budget for Riverina and Murray include:

HEALTH

- **\$41.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$431.4 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$29.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$50 million project) for the Tumut Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$13.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$250 million project) for the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$9.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department Expansion;
- **\$3.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Car Park;
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.7 million project) for the Deniliquin and Leeton Hospital Upgrades; and
- **\$1.4 million** in 2020-21 for the Deniliquin Hospital Emergency Department Upgrade (Federal funding).

EDUCATION

- **\$32.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$42.5 million project) for a new primary school in Estella, Wagga Wagga; and
- **\$10 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$25 million project) for the upgrade of Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$72 million** in 2020-21 for continued delivery of overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway (State and Federal funded); and
- **\$46 million** contribution in 2020-21 to the construction of new Murray River bridge between Echuca (Victoria) and Moama (NSW) and intersection upgrade of the Cobb Highway and Link Road.

PLANNING

- **\$9.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to continue the upgrade of the Wagga Wagga Government office hub; and
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.3 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Griffith and Lavington.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 to upgrade the Albury Courthouse, providing essential capacity upgrades to enhance service delivery including additional custodial courtrooms, judge's chambers, amenities, jury assembly space and refurbishment of the registry.

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$8 million project) for the playground on the Murrumbidgee project in Narrandera;
- **\$2.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$9.2 million project) to upgrade the Corowa Saleyards; and
- **\$300,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.9 million project) to enhance the visitor experience at five key sites in Bago State Forest.

Key highlights from the Budget for South East and Tablelands include:

HEALTH

- **\$60.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$150 million project) for the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$10 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$200 million project) for the commencement of the Eurobodalla Health Service Redevelopment;
- **\$6.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$68.7 million project) for the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1;
- **\$4.0 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$55 million project) for the commencement of the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2; and
- **\$3.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$18.6 million project) for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment.

EDUCATION

- **\$3 million** in 2020-21 to commence a new primary school at Murrumbateman;
- **\$2 million** in 2020-21 to commence a new primary school at Googong;
- Commitment to construct new high schools in Bungendore and Jerrabomberra; and
- Upgrades at Queanbeyan West and Yass High School.

TRANSPORT

- **\$63.6 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement, Princes Highway;
- **\$24 million** in 2020-21 to commence the Barton Highway Duplication: ACT towards Murrumbateman and the completion of Barton Highway Safety Improvement (State and Federal funded); and
- **\$11 million** in 2020-21 for the Monaro Highway Upgrade Program and continued planning of the future Kings Highway upgrade.

PLANNING

- **\$8.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$20.8 million project) to continue improvements to the Snowies Iconic Great Walk;

- **\$5.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$9.9 million project) to continue the Thredbo Valley Track Extension;
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.9 million project) to continue improvements to the Light to Light Great Walk;
- **\$2.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.1 million project) to upgrade the Tathra Wharf;
- **\$1.0 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.2 million project) to install temporary block blanks at the Lower Lachlan; and
- **\$700,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$9.6 million project) to reinvigorate the Wombeyan Caves experience and deliver new nature-based tourism opportunities.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$8.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to continue the upgrade of Queanbeyan Courthouse, providing a full refurbishment of the Queanbeyan courthouse and facilitating integration into the broader precinct;
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$60 million project) to upgrade Goulburn Police Academy, providing for a “state of the art” training facility that enables essential and efficient resourcing capability development through effective training, development and enhanced technology;

REGIONAL NSW

- **\$14 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$23 million project) for the South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct;
- **\$1.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$11.8 million project) for the Lake Jindabyne Shared Trail;
- **\$400,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1 million project) for the upgrades to Braidwood Pool;
- **\$300,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3 million project) for the Mogo Adventure Trails Hub; and
- Investigate and plan for the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct, to help generate and increase in year-round alpine and adventure tourism.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Member for Monaro John Barilaro:

“This Budget is a massive win for the people of Regional NSW with crucial funding commitments to health, education and transport in our regions. The NSW Liberals and Nationals once again delivering for the bush.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman:

“The Budget delivers for stronger communities with \$1.5 million in 2020-21, as part of a \$60 million project, to upgrade Goulburn Police Academy, providing for a start of the art training facility. A terrific win for the Goulburn community.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Albury Justin Clancy:

“I am very pleased to see the 2020-21 Budget prioritising health services for the Albury community with \$9.5 million for the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department Expansion.”



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MEDIA RELEASE

Quotes attributable to Member for Bega Andrew Constance:

“The NSW Liberals and Nationals are once again delivering on vital transport infrastructure to our region thanks to their record of strong financial management. \$63.6 million to continue the construction of the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement on the Princes Highway.”

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