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NSW BUDGET DELIVERS FOR HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST

The 2020-21 NSW Budget delivers major investment in a wide range of areas for the Hunter and the Central Coast.

Key highlights from the Budget include:

CENTRAL COAST:

- **\$111.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$200 million project) for the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$39.2 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction for widening the Pacific Highway to four lanes between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow;
- **\$15.0 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$38 million project) to build the new Porters Creek Public School;
- **\$8.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$39.6 million project) for the Central Coast Medical Schools and Central Coast Research Institute (third party funding contribution);
- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 for the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf Redevelopment Project;
- **\$800,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.9 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Killarney Vale;
- **\$400,000** for the Central Coast Youth Collective – Personal Development Programming for Young People, Families and Community; and
- **\$300,000** for the Terrigal BMX Facility Upgrade.

HUNTER:

- **\$220.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$470 million project) for the New Maitland Hospital;
- **\$21.7 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Pacific Motorway (M1) extension to Raymond Terrace and Hexham Straight (State and Federal funded);
- **\$20 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond and continue construction of early work (State and Federal funded);
- **\$18 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$30 million project) for the New Maitland Hospital car park;
- **\$16.0 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$780 million project) for the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct;
- **\$10.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$13 million project) to assist MidCoast Council safeguard local water supply against drought;

- **\$8.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue planning for the Muswellbrook and Singleton bypasses on the New England Highway (State and Federal funded);
- **\$7.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$40 million project) for the completion of the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1;
- **\$6 million** in 2020-21 to continue the upgrade of Nelson Bay Road;
- **\$5.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.2 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Wallsend, Taree, Woodberry, Toronto and Forster;
- **\$4.7 million** in 2020-21 (as part of an \$18.9 million project) for Water Security for Economic Development in the Upper Hunter region;
- **\$4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$7.5 million project) for the Fernleigh Awabakal shared pathway;
- **\$3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.6 million project) for upgrades at Cessnock Airport.
- **\$2.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of an \$18 million project) for the completion of the John Hunter Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Stages 2 and 3;
- **\$1.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$100 million project) for the commencement of the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2;
- **\$700,000** in 2020-21 for the upgrade of intersections of the Pacific Highway (City Rd) with Northcott Dr and Kahibah Rd, Highfields; and
- **\$500,000** in 2020-21 for construction of the replacement of Barrington Bridge on Thunderbolts Way over Barrington Rivera at Barrington.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier 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 our regions."

Quotes attributable to Duty MLC Taylor Martin:

"This is a Budget that truly delivers for the Central Coast and Hunter Regions. Crucial investments include \$111.1 million for the Wyong Hospital Redevelopment and \$39.2 million to continue construction for widening the Pacific Highway to four lanes at Lisarow."

Quotes attributable to Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen:

"Thanks to the NSW Liberals and Nationals, the 2020-21 NSW Budget provides substantial funding for the Hunter region across health, education and transport, particularly when it comes developing and redeveloping medical facilities and Hunter roads."

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