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## BUDGET WIN FOR NORTHERN NSW

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

Key highlights from the Budget for New England and North West include:

### HEALTH

- **\$13 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$60 million project) for the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment; and
- **\$500,000** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$20 million project) for the commencement of the Glen Innes Hospital upgrade.

### TRANSPORT

- **\$59.9 million** in 2020-21 to continue the upgrade of the New England Highway at Bolivia Hill (State and Federal funded);
- **\$47.1 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the Newell Highway heavy duty pavement upgrade between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla (State and Federal funded); and
- **\$6.2 million** in 2020-21 for continued construction of Second Road over Rail Bridge on the Oxley Highway, Gunnedah.

### EDUCATION

- **\$27.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$121.2 million project) for the new Armidale Secondary College; and
- **\$6.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$14.8 million project) to upgrade Tamworth Public School.

### PLANNING

- **\$4.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) to fast-track delivery of a 300 megalitre water storage facility at Walcha;
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$1.5 million project) for Uralla Shire Council to investigate the use of groundwater to supplement water supplies in times of drought; and
- **\$1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$2.1 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Inverell and Armidale.

### REGIONAL NSW

- **\$4.4 million** (as part of a \$6.1 million project) for the University of New England Boilerhouse Discovery Space;
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$16.8 million project) for the Narrabri Industrial and Logistics Hub;

- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$14 million project) for the Gunnedah Saleyard redevelopment;
- **\$3.8 million** (as part of a \$9.5 million project) for the Narrabri International Crop and Digital Agricultural Research Centre; and
- **\$3.7 million** (as part of a \$5 million project) for the Copeton Northern Foreshores Upgrade.

Key highlights from the Budget for North Coast include:

## HEALTH

- **\$72.6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$194 million project) for the expansion of Coffs Harbour Hospital;
- **\$72.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$673.3 million project) for the Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment;
- **\$21.4 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$312.8 million project) for the redevelopment of Lismore Hospital (Stages 3A, 3B, and 3C);
- **\$6 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$50 million project) for the Tweed Hospital Car Park;
- **\$5.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of \$73 million project) to finalise the Macksville Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$10 million project) for the Iluka Ambulance Station;
- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 towards the establishment of the Emmaus Memory Support Community Centre in Port Macquarie;
- **\$3.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$17.5 million project) for the completion of the Grafton Hospital Ambulatory Care Centre Redevelopment.
- **\$1.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$11.5 million project) for the Port Macquarie Hospital Car Park;
- Planning for the Grafton Base Hospital redevelopment; and
- Planning for the new helipad at Port Macquarie Hospital.

## EDUCATION

- **More than \$100 million** to establish a new Murwillumbah Education Campus to create a seamless education pathway from preschool to year 12;
- Six major upgrades for schools in the North Coast region including: Hastings Secondary College, Lennox Heads Public School, Tweed River High School, Tweed Heads South Public School, Kingscliff Public School, Kingscliff High School; and
- Upgrades for TAFE NSW Coffs Harbour Education Campus – Applied Construction & Plumbing Technologies and TAFE NSW Coffs Harbour Connected Health Hub.

## TRANSPORT

- **\$341.9 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Woolgoolga and Ballina (State and Federal funded);

- **\$135 million** in 2020-21 for planning and early works for the Coffs Harbour bypass (State and Federal funded); and
- **\$12 million** in 2020-21 for safety, traffic and pavement improvements on the Waterfall Way.

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES

- **\$20.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$798.8 million project) to finalise the completion of the Clarence Correctional Centre, a Private Public Partnership project which has been operational since 1 July 2020.

## PLANNING

- **\$5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$20 million project) for the Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore precinct; and
- **\$4.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$6.5 million project) to deliver new and upgraded quality social and affordable housing for Aboriginal communities in Coffs Harbour, Goonellabah, Lismore and Tweed Heads.

## REGIONAL NSW

- **\$3.5 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5.7 million project) for the Evans Head Foreshore Rejuvenation Project;
- **\$3.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$5 million project) for the Port Macquarie Iconic Koala Hospital's Conservation, Education & Tourism Precinct; and
- **\$1.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$3.8 million project) for connecting the Harwood Marine Precinct to the Pacific Highway.

### 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 Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall:

"Once again, the NSW Liberals and Nationals have delivered for the Northern Tablelands with \$27.5 million for the new Armidale Secondary Collage as well as \$13 million for the Inverell Hospital Redevelopment. This is fantastic news for our region."

### Quotes attributable to Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson:

"The Budget delivers \$6.2 million for continued construction of Second Road over Rail Bridge at Gunnedah as well as \$6.1 million to upgrade Tamworth Public School. This is great news for the Tamworth community."

### Quotes attributable to Member for Tweed Geoff Provest:

"I am pleased to announce the 2020-21 Budget is delivering for the North Coast. \$72.1 million for the Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment with a further \$6 million for Tweed Hospital Car Park is a huge win for the community."



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**Quotes attributable to Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmesh Singh:**

“In a year where health is a key priority everywhere, we welcome the continued expansion of the Coffs Harbour Hospital, with \$72.6 million in 2020-21. This Budget delivers for our region.”

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