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## **BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES OF THE FUTURE**

The NSW Government has committed a record \$4 billion for the NSW Police Force in the 2019-20 NSW Budget and will deliver five new world-class stations and a new education and training centre.

Police infrastructure will get a \$100 million boost, with new stations to be built in Bega, Goulburn, Jindabyne, Perisher and Thredbo, and significant upgrades for police stations in Bathurst and Bourke. A new state of the art training and education facility in Dubbo will ensure police officers receive the very best training as they put their lives on the line every day to prevent and disrupt crime.

The NSW Government will also commit \$16.6 million over four years to continue preventative health and wellbeing initiatives for police officers as part of the Workforce Improvement Program.

A \$5 million CCTV grant scheme for small businesses and community organisations in Western and South-Western Sydney will help clamp down on street crime and anti-social behaviour while gathering intelligence for investigators. A commitment of \$1.6 million for 800 MobiPol devices will expand on the field access to police systems and databases and will support the state-wide rollout of the Digital Driver Licence.

“There has never been a Government with such a relentless determination to assist police as they work to protect our communities. These new and upgraded stations and a new training centre are examples of the vital infrastructure required to ensure officers have the right support,” Minister for Police David Elliott said.

The NSW Government’s \$100 million investment in NSW Police Force infrastructure includes:

- \$13 million for Bega Police Station;
- \$25 million for Goulburn Police Station;
- \$13 million for Jindabyne Area Police Stations Program, including Perisher and Thredbo;
- \$7 million for major upgrades to Bourke Police Station;
- \$7 million for major upgrades to Bathurst Police Station; and
- \$35 million for the Dubbo Regional Education and Training Centre.

“Police Commissioner Mick Fuller has the frontline officers, new infrastructure and advanced technologies to combat and reduce crime in both regional and metropolitan NSW. Only the Liberals & Nationals have an economic record which can deliver the funding to support police on the ground as they work to keep us safe, no matter where you live in NSW,” he said.

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