

NSW Budget 2022-23

Regional NSW



Supporting families,
building a brighter *future*

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples and Traditional Custodians of Australia, and the oldest continuing culture in human history.

We pay respect to Elders past and present and commit to respecting the lands we walk on, and the communities we walk with.

We celebrate the deep and enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country and acknowledge their continuing custodianship of the land, seas and sky.

We acknowledge the ongoing stewardship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the important contribution they make to our communities and economies.

We reflect on the continuing impact of government policies and practices, and recognise our responsibility to work together with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities, towards improved economic, social and cultural outcomes.

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Treasurer's message



Over the past several years, the great strength of the people of regional New South Wales has shone through. Our regions have faced a series of generationally significant challenges, including a historic drought, the Black Summer bushfires and — most recently — COVID-19 and devastating storms and floods.

The NSW Government stood beside the families and communities of regional New South Wales throughout these times. We have committed **\$3.5 billion in support to flood-affected communities** in partnership with the Commonwealth Government and are continuing to roll out the co-funded \$4.5 billion to assist communities recover from the Black Summer bushfires.

The NSW Government stands ready to continue to support our regions overcome the challenges of today.

However, we also believe in the immense capacity of regional New South Wales to help our State build a brighter tomorrow. Regional and rural communities have long formed the engine room of our State's economy, and this Budget invests to help them drive New South Wales towards a more prosperous future.

By investing to ensure that families across our regional towns and cities enjoy a high quality of life, we can unlock economic growth right across regional New South Wales. Building better frontline services and delivering world-class infrastructure will see the brightest minds and most exciting new businesses make the regions their home and underwrite the prosperity of their communities for decades to come.

This Budget injects an additional **\$1.3 billion in the community-boosting Regional Growth Fund**, building on its success to date in delivering more than 2,700 transformational projects in our regions and \$835.6 million to continue the delivery of a modern, new regional rail fleet.

It also provides a 10-year **\$2.4 billion investment to boost the rural and regional health workforce**, to ensure that every citizen receives the highest-quality care. This is in addition to \$174.0 million to clear the current waitlist for key worker housing and \$6.5 billion for 32 new and upgraded hospitals to make sure that access to healthcare is not a lottery based on where you live.

This budget invests \$130.0 million to expand our mining industry to unearth and process the critical minerals that will build the technologies of the future. We have also put aside **\$163.9 million to bolster our biosecurity measures** to support families that rely on our \$20.9 billion primary industries sector for their livelihoods and \$206.2 million for the Sustainable Farming Program, to reward farmers who invest in best practice regenerative farming.

We have committed **\$1.9 billion to roll out renewable energy infrastructure** that will make regional New South Wales ground zero for the State's emerging clean energy and manufacturing industries. We are also investing \$391.3 million in the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct so that even more people can enjoy the natural beauty of the region.

The strength and resilience of regional New South Wales is one of the greatest assets of our State. The investments this Budget makes will help throw open the doors of opportunity and harness the potential of regional New South Wales to build a brighter future for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Kean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Hon. Matt Kean MP

NSW Treasurer,
Minister for Energy

Strong regions and stronger opportunities

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Regional New South Wales is a key driver of the State's economic prosperity, producing around a fifth of the total NSW Gross State Product. One-third of the NSW population call regional New South Wales home, and thousands more spend time in the regions each year for study and work, to visit family and friends, and experience unique attractions across the State.

The 2022-23 NSW Budget underpins the NSW Government's sustained commitment to supporting families in regional New South Wales, with the services and infrastructure they need and unlocking opportunities for a brighter future.

There are more people wanting to live, work and raise a family in regional New South Wales than ever before, reflected in unprecedented population migration from our cities. In the six months to the March quarter 2021 more than 54,000 people moved to regional New South Wales, with almost 80 per cent from capital cities.

To support this growth, the NSW Government's 2022-23 Budget is ensuring regional communities have access to high-quality services, investing in critical industries, boosting jobs, unearthing new investment opportunities, and improving community infrastructure. The NSW Government's commitments will continue to invigorate communities and grow industries, with regional families and businesses set to benefit from a new wave of enhancements to local services and amenities.

The Government's continued investment in regional New South Wales will:

- Help communities recover from recent natural disasters through targeted programs for impacted families, primary producers, and business owners so no one is left behind.
- Deliver long-term economic benefit to the State's regions through transformative infrastructure projects.
- Create more opportunities and diverse regional economies by investing in local projects, boosting jobs and skills.
- Support families by reducing the cost of living and enhancing regional communities with high quality services and a skilled and growing workforce.
- Empower First Nations communities to support their cultural, social and economic wellbeing.
- Leave a better planet for future generations by protecting and enhancing regional wildlife and the environment and growing a clean economy.

Highlights of the Government's new and existing key regional investments are included in this document.



Home to
one-third
of NSW's population



Produces
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of total NSW
Gross State Product



\$20.9
billion
total primary
industries output
in 2020-21

Supporting regional communities

02



High-quality services delivered by a strong and growing workforce

This Budget continues to build a brighter future for regional communities, providing high-quality services, creating opportunities for children and young people, and supporting families by boosting household budgets.

The NSW Government will continue building a robust economy that propels prosperity for decades to come, bolstering frontline services and investing **\$1.6 billion** in projects to strengthen communities, underpinned by a significant expansion of the Regional Growth Fund.

Support for our regional health system

- **\$6.5 billion** over 10 years for 32 new or upgraded hospitals in rural and regional New South Wales, with works already under way, or commencing in 2022-23.
- **\$2.4 billion** over 10 years to provide flexible and bespoke recruitment and retention incentives to build and sustain the rural and regional health workforce. This includes increasing training positions locally and supporting professional development to build the skills and expertise to meet regional needs.
- **\$1.8 billion** to invest in Ambulance NSW across the State, with new ambulance stations at Warilla, Lisarow, Gateshead, Swansea and Kincumber.
- **\$149.5 million** to expand access to, and eligibility for, the Isolated Patient Travel and Accommodation Scheme, allowing more people in remote locations to access critical healthcare services over four years.

- **\$3.0 million** to enhance the regional health directory to deliver an expanded customer-centric and geographically based health directory for regional New South Wales.

Support for regional youth

- **\$59.0 million** for additional regional youth initiatives to support children and young people across regional New South Wales, framed around four key pillars—Work Ready, Wellbeing, Connectivity and Community—and informed by regional priorities.

Support for cross-border communities

Floods, pandemic border restrictions and bushfires created a unique challenge for more than two million Australians who live close to the State's borders.

The NSW Government is expanding its support for these communities with **\$13.3 million** to the Office of the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner, to:

- modernise cross-border arrangements through interjurisdictional agreements
- advocate for cross-border communities, businesses and organisations.



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for regional community investments

Expanding the Regional Growth Fund

The NSW Government is continuing to invest in enhancing services and amenities in communities across regional New South Wales to maintain high living standards, making the great things about regional New South Wales even better.

The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) represents an unprecedented investment in the people and communities of regional New South Wales, with \$2.0 billion worth of projects committed, delivering 2,700 projects to date.

Making the regions an even better place to live

Every regional community has their own challenges and priorities, and the RGF has been designed with this in mind.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach for local needs, and the multiple programs under the RGF target different areas, ensuring each community can access funds according to its own priorities.

The NSW Government recognises that not every community is the same, but that all communities across regional New South Wales are worthy of Government commitment and investment.

The RGF is helping to build major infrastructure and bolster regional economies, create jobs, encourage investment, and create opportunities to participate in sport, recreation and culture.

Patton Park Upgrade

\$395,000 was provided to upgrade Patton Park in Broken Hill through the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Untouched since the 1940s, Patton Park was an empty, disused area where families did not feel safe using outdated amenities and unappealing playground equipment.

Since its upgrade, Patton Park is now a hub of activity, with parents holding so many children's birthday parties there that an event hire company has moved its premises closer to the park.

Lockhart and The Rock Swimming Pools

\$1.5 million was provided from the Stronger Country Communities Fund to refurbish the Lockhart and The Rock Swimming Pools, providing modern maintenance and accessible facilities to meet the long-term needs of the community.

Both pools were at the end of their lives and required significant refurbishments to meet safety and operational obligations.

With funding from the RGF, these projects have delivered modern, all-abilities access amenities across three heated pools at Lockhart and two pools and adjacent playground at The Rock.

Modern community infrastructure plays an integral part in attracting and retaining new families of all ages and abilities, which will benefit the community at large for years to come.

The RGF has been designed to align with the long-term economic vision for regional New South Wales and plays a key role in providing what residents need to live, work, invest and play.

It responds to the diversity and changing needs of regional New South Wales for today and into the future.

The direct and indirect impact that RGF investments have is already evident today, and over time it will significantly contribute to the overall liveability and economic resilience of the State's regions.

This Budget commits an extra **\$1.3 billion** for the next generation of the RGF to build on the success of the program to date and help make regional New South Wales an even better place to live.

This expansion will continue to invest in those areas that matter most to local communities, including:

- **\$250.0 million** to expand the Stronger Country Communities Fund, supporting grassroots projects to reinvigorate rural communities.
- **\$230.0 million** to support tourism development projects and enabling infrastructure, leveraging recent significant growth in regional tourism and supporting job creation.
- **\$220.0 million** to expand the Resources for Regions program, supporting the ongoing prosperity of mining communities by improving economic opportunities and local amenities and creating positive social outcomes.

- **\$175.0 million** for economic activation, providing investment to existing key industries in regional New South Wales.
- **\$100.0 million** for the Regional Job Creation Fund to support NSW businesses to grow and incentivise interstate and international businesses to invest in regional New South Wales.
- **\$65.0 million** for Regional Events Acceleration to allow them to reach a wider audience across the regions.
- **\$20.0 million** to support projects and events for the activation of business opportunities in community facilities.
- **\$18.4 million** for local community and cultural events to bring people together.
- **\$9.6 million** to support and strengthen regional communities and councils, including priority projects and partnerships.

Ballina Coastal Recreational Walk

\$750,000 from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund for the Ballina Coastal Recreational Walk to address key accessible tourism infrastructure gaps in the Northern Rivers.

With parts of the track between Skennars Head and the Pat Morton Lookout difficult to traverse, dangerous in locations and inaccessible for many people in the community, a five-kilometre stretch connecting the townships of Lennox Head and Ballina was established.

The purpose-built infrastructure has delivered a safe and efficient route that promotes physical activity, has increased participation in walking and cycling for locals and visitors to the region, and is helping improve quality of life and wellbeing in the region.



Ballina

High quality and affordable housing

The NSW Government is investing in practical solutions to address regional housing supply issues, implementing key recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce Report to remove barriers for delivery, increase stock and expand enabling infrastructure. This Budget will provide:

- **\$174.0 million** for 271 new homes to clear the waitlist for key workers in regional and remote New South Wales.
- **\$149.8 million** to deliver 200 new homes and 260 upgrades to State and community-owned properties in First Nations communities, with about 80 per cent of the funds to be spent in regional New South Wales.
- **\$120.0 million** for Accelerated Infrastructure Fund grants to co-fund critical enabling infrastructure across regional NSW councils.
- **\$33.8 million** for the Regional Housing Development Program, including expanding the Urban Development Program (supporting 127,000 new homes in the 10-year pipeline).
- **\$32.0 million** to deliver planning and infrastructure upgrades to First Nations communities through the Roads to Home program, supporting access to essential services.

Boosting household budgets

The Budget provides a range of measures that leave more money in household budgets for families right across New South Wales, including:

- **\$1.3 billion** for the Brighter Beginnings Affordable Preschool initiative to provide fee relief for children across both the community and mobile preschool and long day-care sectors.
- **\$193.0 million** for the Back to School Subsidy, providing \$150 to every NSW schoolchild towards the cost of school supplies in 2023.
- **\$128.0 million** Energy Bill Buster program to help eligible households reduce their power bills by installing free solar panels and more efficient appliances.
- **\$98.0 million** to provide a \$250 prepaid Regional Apprentice and Uni Travel Card for university students and apprentices in regional New South Wales each year to ease the cost of travel.





Partnering with First Nations communities

Regional New South Wales is home to many diverse First Nations communities whose ancestors have cared for Country for more than 60,000 years.

Shared decision-making and partnership with these communities are key priority reforms under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

To support this commitment, the NSW Government is investing \$715.8 million over four years on measures that will strengthen partnerships and support First Nations community-controlled organisations in the regions, including:

- **\$30.0 million** for the Community and Place program, providing grants of up to \$250,000 to community-controlled organisations to support place-based initiatives.
- **\$15.0 million** as part of the State Water Strategy for an integrated set of initiatives that deliver the first Aboriginal Water Strategy for New South Wales.
- **\$12.5 million** for the development of new housing design standards and wraparound service approaches for First Nations people in regional communities.
- **\$9.9 million** to pilot an Aboriginal Legal Service Child and Family Advocacy and Support program in Western New South Wales and a state-wide telephone advice, advocacy, referral and support service.
- **\$9.8 million** to establish local place-based partnerships, including support for Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to form local and regional coalitions.
- **\$6.2 million** to undertake research and evaluation and deliver a pilot program in partnership with local ACCOs to improve digital connectivity and inclusion in First Nations communities.

Investing in regional economies

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Strong economies with opportunities for all

The NSW Government is committed to growing stronger regional economies and communities by investing in vital job-creating projects delivering locally based infrastructure and key services.

Prosperous regions mean a strong state as a whole. The NSW Government is continuing its record investment to drive job creation and retention and ensure that all engine industries continue to be strong.

The 2022-23 NSW Budget will unlock new opportunities in emerging sectors and future industries so regional economies strengthen and grow over the coming years. Key investments to support engine industries and unlock new opportunities include:

- **\$296.5 million** for the Multipurpose Services Strategy Stage 5, with 19 centres delivered so far and two under way in 2022-23.
- **\$145.7 million** to deliver the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program for a centralised emergency services paging network.
- **\$145.0 million** to establish the Regional Investment Activation Program to make regional New South Wales the location of choice for investors, facilitating new private sector investment to activate the potential of priority precincts and industries.
- **\$130.0 million** to grow investment in mining and exploration by implementing the NSW Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Strategy, providing enabling infrastructure and developing skills in critical minerals mining and processing.
- **\$28.0 million** to support landowners to implement new Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice to encourage forest stewardship, diversify on-farm incomes and improve productivity and environmental outcomes for farm forestry.
- **\$9.0 million** for a Regional Concierge Service to attract key workers to the regions, focusing on factors outside work that influence a person's decision to live and work in regional areas.
- **\$3.6 million** to continue supporting young pre-elite athletes in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games.
- **\$1.2 million** to support local businesses to expand and supply the defence and aerospace industry through the Regional Defence Networks Program.



\$230.0 million

supporting tourism development and job creation



\$145.7 million

Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program



\$145.0 million

Regional Investment Activation Program



\$130.0 million

Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Strategy

Resilience and recovery

The NSW Government continues to provide vital assistance to our rural and regional communities that have faced challenges, with many programs under way to repair, rebuild and recover, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government.

Floods

The severe storms and flooding in February and March 2022 have had a devastating impact on communities across New South Wales, particularly in the Northern Rivers region.

In response, the NSW and Commonwealth governments have jointly committed \$3.5 billion to support impacted communities and established the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation to set and implement reconstruction priorities in the region.

Other measures are designed to provide immediate support and assist people and businesses with returning to their lives as quickly and as safely as possible, including:

- **\$312.5 million** to deliver State and local government transport infrastructure resilience improvements and upgrades in the Northern Rivers.
- **\$145.0 million** to replace water and sewerage critical infrastructure.
- **\$142.0 million** for the Property Assessment and Demolition Program to assess properties and demolish those found to be uninhabitable.
- **\$67.0 million** for the North Coast Flood Recovery Education Support Package to support the recovery of schools, early childhood education services and training providers.
- **\$36.0 million** for levee repair works across northern NSW.
- Direct support grants for local councils, individuals and families, primary producers, small businesses, and not-for-profit organisations.

The NSW Government is also investing an additional \$132.7 million to enable the NSW State Emergency Service to better respond to, understand, plan and prepare for flood and storm events. This includes:

- **\$58.7 million** to upgrade critical priority unit facilities across New South Wales.
- **\$43.0 million** to establish two additional zones in northern and western New South Wales with sufficient staffing to support local volunteers.
- **\$18.0 million** to update the capability of the existing five NSW SES Zone Headquarters to Level 3 Incident Control Centre capability.
- **\$11.7 million** to establish Zone Headquarters with Level 3 Incident Control Centre capability for the two new Zones.
- **\$1.3 million** to develop an NSW SES Facility Strategy for modern Incident Control Centres.



**\$350.0
million**

immediate
clean-up assistance



**\$285.2
million**

Flood Housing
Support Package



**\$150.0
million**

Primary Industry
Support Package



**\$150.0
million**

Northern Rivers
Business
Support Package

Bushfires

The NSW Government continues to provide \$4.5 billion, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, to assist the continued community recovery from the Black Summer bushfires.

The Government has accepted all 76 recommendations of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry and, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, committed a further \$315.2 million to:

- **\$147.9 million** for extending hazard reduction activities.
- **\$129.7 million** for firefighting tanker replacements and safety upgrades.

- **\$27.7 million** over four years to upgrade and operate national parks radio infrastructure enabling firefighters to gain critical access to the NSW Public Safety Network.
- **\$10.0 million** to continue the delivery of critical strategic fire trails.

For national parks, this takes the total Budget investment to \$173.8 million, which will establish an additional 200 permanent firefighter roles and 50 bushfire conservation roles.



Whittingham

Investing in transformational infrastructure

The NSW Government has invested significantly in regional infrastructure over the past decade. To ensure regional New South Wales continues to build excellent facilities for its growing population and provide all the services that strong communities need, this Budget will invest in new and improved infrastructure right across the regions.

Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund

The NSW Government's \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund (the Fund) is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in transformative infrastructure across regional New South Wales.

The Fund is delivering critical infrastructure and initiatives to foster regional economic development across priority areas identified in long-term government plans. Key projects include:

- **\$100.0 million** for the Gig State project to upgrade digital network infrastructure to deliver metro-level internet services to regional businesses and residents.
- **\$50.0 million** for Mobile Coverage Stage 1, investing in infrastructure and emerging technologies to deliver improved mobile coverage across regional New South Wales.
- **\$47.9 million** for the Farms of the Future program, supporting farmers to adopt agtech devices and apps.

Special Activation Precincts

The NSW Government is continuing its investment in Special Activation Precincts (SAPs), which represent new ways of planning and delivering industrial and commercial infrastructure to support the ongoing prosperity of regional New South Wales.

The Government has committed around \$1.0 billion of capital expenditure framed at enabling more local jobs and driving economic outcomes, including:

- **\$391.3 million** for the Snowy Mountains SAP, including the new Southern Connector Road in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, expanding the visitor economy to a year-round destination to increase investment and jobs in the area.
- **\$219.0 million** for the Parkes SAP, which covers around 4,800 ha at the only junction of Australia's two rail spines, the Inland Rail and Trans-Australia Railway.
- **\$193.9 million** for the Moree SAP, providing a new business hub specialising in agribusiness, logistics and food processing.
- **\$150.6 million** for the 4,500 ha Wagga Wagga SAP to capitalise on the Inland Rail project, supporting manufacturing, agribusiness and freight and logistics.
- **\$25.0 million** for Special Activation pre-delivery works for the Williamstown SAP.



Education

The NSW Government continues to deliver high-quality education and modern school infrastructure that meets the needs of the State's growing population while preparing young people for the future economy. This Budget includes:

- **\$583.6 million** in 2022-23 towards building and upgrading schools across regional and rural areas, equating to 32 per cent of the major works spend on schools in 2022-23.
- **\$89.8 million** in 2022-23 for new and ongoing capital works programs at regional TAFE campuses to improve facilities, upgrade teaching equipment and create modern learning spaces.
- **\$10.6 million** for the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to develop a Regional Operations Model. This includes \$460,000 in 2022-23 to continue implementation and maintenance of the community component of the Language and Culture Nests initiative in regional locations.

Transport

The NSW Government is continuing to invest in projects that connect communities to one another, improve productivity, and increase connections to national and international markets through the movement of goods and people. This Budget includes:

- **\$835.6 million** over three years to continue delivery of a modern, new Regional Rail Fleet to replace the ageing XPT, XPLOER and Endeavour trains, and construct a purpose-built maintenance facility in Dubbo.
- **\$335.0 million** over four years as part of a NSW and Commonwealth Government funded proposal to grade separate several road and rail interfaces in New South Wales as a result of the Inland Rail project.
- **\$274.5 million** over four years to continue detailed planning and commence early works of the Fast Rail Network including initial stages on the northern corridor between Sydney, the Central Coast and Newcastle in collaboration with the Commonwealth Government.
- **\$201.2 million** for a range of regional transport programs and projects including the Fixing Country Bridges program, continued planning and delivery of the 16 Cities program, and supporting regional councils through the Fixing Local Roads program.
- **\$193.0 million** over two years to support the upgrades of priority regional roads transferred to the State, as part of the NSW Government's Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review.

- **\$60.2 million** over two years for the Fixing Country Rail program, to continue to deliver improved capacity and reliability of the regional rail network and deliver a highly functional network for moving freight in and out of regional areas.
- **\$12.0 million** to continue the Transport Connected Bus Program, delivering vehicle tracking and automatic passenger-counting technology across contracted buses in regional New South Wales.
- **\$8.7 million** to commence the Heavy Vehicle Rest Stops Improvement program, which will allow for the progressive delivery of rest-stop improvements on state roads throughout regional New South Wales.

Energy

The NSW Government is transforming the State's energy infrastructure that will generate economic and employment benefits for regional industries, workers and consumers.

Additional investments over the next four years that will significantly boost regional areas include:

- **\$1.9 billion** to roll out transmission infrastructure for Renewable Energy Zones in five New South Wales regions (which is intended to be fully recouped, with a maximum impact on net debt of \$1.2 billion after taking account of recycling proceeds).
- **\$110.0 million** to build low-carbon industry by providing grants for new business activities to competitively produce low-emissions materials.
- **\$105.0 million** investment in the Renewable Manufacturing Fund to ensure New South Wales captures the jobs and investment benefits of the renewable energy transition.
- An additional **\$50.4 million** to accelerate the Renewable Energy Zone development in light of earlier-than-expected thermal power plant closures.
- **\$45.9 million** to expand the Pumped Hydro grants program to add a further 1.4 GW of storage capacity to the grid.

Primary industries

The primary industries sector is the backbone of many of the State's regional areas. This Budget invests:

- **\$182.0 million** to deliver the 10-year NSW Government Marine Estate Management Strategy to improve water quality, estuary health and other biodiversity and environmental metrics.
- **\$163.9 million** in 2022-23 to bolster the State's response and readiness capability to future biosecurity incursions, including enhanced response targeting endemic species.
- **\$58.0 million** to undertake repair work on state forestry roads and related infrastructure as part of the Forestry Land Stabilisation and Repair Program.
- **\$17.1 million** to continue the Farm Business Resilience Program and Rural Financial Counselling Service, which provides farmers with the skills and knowledge they need to build resilience to future droughts and natural disasters.
- the establishment of a Reserve and Activation Fund to fill critical gaps in the national parks estate and to enhance regional tourism and economic benefits
- **\$206.2 million** over 10 years to enhance the State's natural capital by rewarding farmers who opt-in to a Sustainable Farming accreditation program.
- **\$106.7 million** to establish a new Biodiversity Credits Supply Fund, to purchase and make available biodiversity credits for re-sale to public and private proponents, enabling sustainable development and rewarding landholders who use their land for conservation.
- **\$32.9 million** to boost the State's early detection and response to biosecurity threats on Lord Howe Island and protect the Island's World Heritage ecological values.
- **\$24.2 million** for essential environmental monitoring for air quality forecasting and alerts, and to expand water quality monitoring to more swim sites across New South Wales.

Protecting and enjoying our natural environment

Investing in protecting and enhancing the State's natural capital ensures the environment is sustained to secure a shared future for the wildlife and people of New South Wales. New investments include:

- **\$222.1 million** over four years for the National Parks and Wildlife Service across the State, to support the following investments benefiting regional communities:
 - the new Arc Rainforest Centre and Dorrigo Escarpment Great Walk to showcase the ancient World Heritage rainforests of the Dorrigo escarpment
- **\$145.9 million** to continue to deliver the NSW Koala Strategy, targeted at conservation actions with the long-term goal of doubling koala numbers in New South Wales by 2050.
- **\$60.0 million** to continue the Saving our Species program, the State's flagship threatened species conservation program, maximising the number of threatened species and ecological communities that are secure in the wild.
- Continued delivery of the **\$49.4 million** Gardens of Stone Walk near Lithgow to showcase the State's diverse natural and cultural heritage assets.



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Sustainable Farming accreditation program



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to continue the Saving our Species program



\$56.4 million

Arc Rainforest Centre and Dorrigo Escarpment Great Walk

Securing sustainable and healthy water

To ensure water supplies are secured for the future while supporting sustainable and healthy water environments, the NSW Government is investing:

- Over **\$410.0 million** from the Commonwealth Government to accelerate the delivery of the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism and deliver the Northern Basin Toolkit in the Murray-Darling Basin.
- **\$369.6 million** for initiatives through the Safe and Secure Water Program including \$90.0 million in new funding to address the water supply, quality and safety risks for regional towns.
- **\$131.5 million** over three years from the Commonwealth Government to deliver water efficiency measures, including \$124.0 million for Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited to improve water delivery infrastructure.
- **\$21.5 million** in additional funding over eight years to maintain the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme to help minimise flood risk.
- **\$19.8 million** to plan for the State's water future through the NSW Water Strategy including an integrated set of initiatives that deliver the first Aboriginal Water Strategy for New South Wales.



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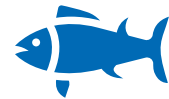
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Marine Estate Management Strategy Delivery



**\$19.8
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NSW Water Strategy including the first Aboriginal Water Strategy for NSW

04

Regional highlights

Central Coast



The Entrance

Health

New funding for the:

- **\$6.4 million** Wyong Hospital's Cancer Day Unit expansion.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$200.0 million** Wyong Hospital redevelopment.

Education

- **\$18.2 million** to co-contribute to a University of Newcastle campus in the Gosford CBD.
- **\$2.0 million** in 2022-23 to provide new and upgraded facilities to deliver Animal Studies courses at Wyong TAFE.

Transport

- **\$274.5 million** over four years to continue detailed planning and commence early works of the Fast Rail Network, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Government.
- **\$26.0 million** to complete the widening of Pacific Highway to four lanes between Parsons Road and Ourimbah Street at Lisarow.
- **\$25.0 million** for the construction of the fast-tracked intersection at Tumby Road (state and federally funded).
- **\$1.0 million** to continue planning for the upgrade on Pacific Highway through the Wyong town centre (state and federally funded).

Regional NSW

Grants to boost local economies including:

- **\$2.6 million** to construct a visitor centre at Mangrove Creek Dam.
- **\$816,433** to improve access to Compartment 197 in the McPherson State Forest on Mangrove Mountain, an environmentally and culturally significant location.
- **\$300,000** to establish a mountain bike park at Glenworth Valley.

Customer Service

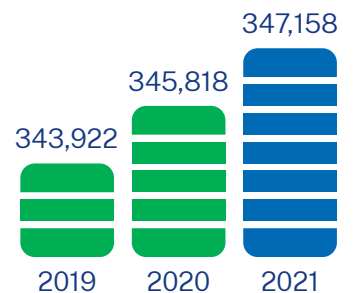
- **\$3.0 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.

Local Government Areas

Central Coast

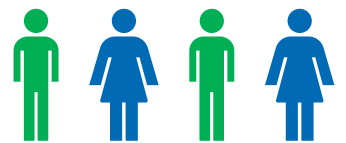


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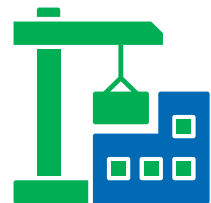
2020-21 Growth Rate

+ 0.4%



Key Industries

Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services, Construction, Health Care & Social Assistance, Financial & Insurance Services, Manufacturing



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Regional highlights

Central West & Orana



Health

New funding for the:

- **\$200.0 million** Bathurst Hospital major redevelopment.
- **\$6.0 million** upgrade to biomedical equipment across the Western NSW Local Health District to improve reliability and ensure better care and outcomes for patients in major hospitals and smaller rural communities.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$306.3 million** Dubbo Health Service redevelopment (Stages 1 to 4, car park and Cancer Centre).
- **\$110.2 million** Cowra Hospital redevelopment (including additional funding of \$40.0 million).
- **\$6.0 million** Canowindra HealthOne.
- **\$4.0 million** Bathurst Hospital MRI.

Education

- **\$13.5 million** in 2022-23 for ongoing major upgrades to Bletchington Public School.
- **\$9.4 million** in 2022-23 for Millthorpe Public School to continue delivery of a new learning hub, library and major refurbishments.

Transport

- **\$142.9 million** to continue planning upgrades to the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow (state and federally funded), including commencing construction on the Medlow Bath and Cox's River Road sections of the highway.
- **\$88.6 million** to continue construction of the Parkes Bypass, as part of the Newell Highway upgrades (state and federally funded).

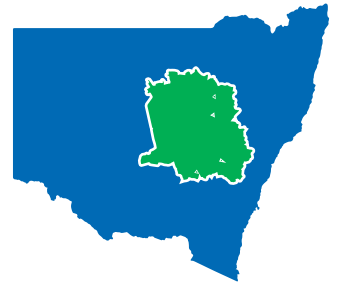
- **\$68.4 million** for the planning and construction of overtaking lanes along the full length the Newell Highway (state and federally funded), including in the Central West.
- **\$32.8 million** to commence construction of the new Dubbo Bridge on the Newell Highway over the Macquarie River, Dubbo (state and federally funded).
- **\$20.3 million** to complete upgrades to the Great Western Highway between Kelso and Raglan.
- **\$4.7 million** for planning the Newell Highway Flood Mitigation works between West Wyalong and Forbes.

Stronger Communities

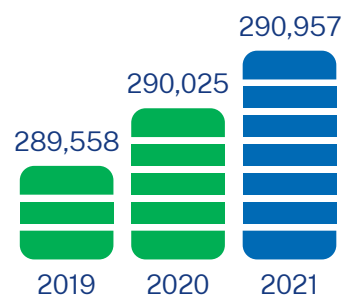
- **\$35.0 million** for the construction of the NSW Police Dubbo Regional Education and Training Centre.
- **\$8.7 million** for the construction of a new Blayney Police Station.
- **\$5.2 million** for the Dubbo Court Expansion.

Local Government Areas

Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle and Weddin

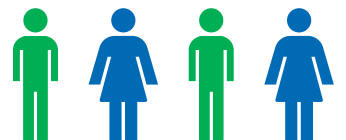


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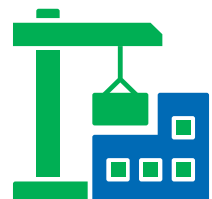
2020-21 Growth Rate

+ 0.3%



Key Industries

Mining, Health Care & Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Education & Training



Planning and Environment

- **\$10.2 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$49.4 million** Gardens of Stone Great Walk, a new ecotourism and adventure destination that will include Australia's longest zipline and an elevated canyon walk.
- **\$47.7 million** new purpose-built office hub in Dubbo, to accommodate 650 workers from across government agencies, improving cross-agency collaboration and service delivery across western New South Wales.

Regional NSW

- **\$219.0 million** (including \$185.4 million from the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund) towards delivery of the 4,800 ha Parkes Special Activation Precinct.

Grants to boost local economies including:

- **\$2.8 million** to upgrade the Glow Worm Tunnel visitor precinct.
- **\$1.1 million** to refurbish the King George Oval and Blayney Netball Centre precinct.
- **\$1.0 million** to construct a fire shelter and refilling stations in Wolgan Valley.



Customer Service

- **\$52.1 million** for the Spatial Data Infrastructure Program.
- **\$31.3 million** for the NSW Spatial Digital Twin (Live.NSW).
- **\$28.0 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.
- **\$7.1 million** for Corsnet navigation/surveying system maintenance.



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Regional highlights

Far West



Health

New funding for the:

- **\$15.3 million** Key Health Worker Accommodation across Far West Local Health District.
- **\$10.0 million** Broken Hill Hospital Emergency Department.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$30.0 million** Wentworth Health Service redevelopment.

Transport

- **\$5.5 million** to continue sealing for the Silver City and Cobb Highways.

Stronger Communities

- **\$13.3 million** for major upgrades to the Bourke Police Station.

Planning and Environment

- **\$47.0 million** to improve critical water supply infrastructure for Wilcannia (state and federally funded).
- **\$45.5 million** to improve critical water infrastructure by replacing pumps along the Nyngan to Cobar pipeline (state and federally funded).
- **\$40.0 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Regional NSW

Grants to boost local economies, including:

- At least **\$30.0 million** in digital connectivity improvements to move premises off satellite to fixed wireless under the Gig State Program and improve mobile coverage under the Mobile Connectivity Active Sharing partnerships.

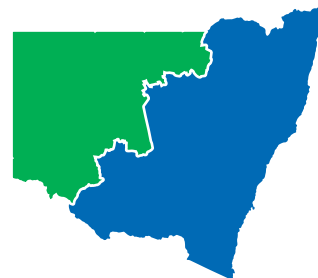
- **\$4.0 million** for the Aboriginal Partnerships program to deliver employment, business development and economic prosperity in First Nations communities.
- **\$2.0 million** to support and strengthen regional communities and councils, including priority projects and partnerships.
- **\$1.9 million** for local amenities including change rooms, restrooms and the Aero Club Clubhouse.
- **\$757,494** to develop women's sporting facilities and community infrastructure in the Unincorporated Far West Region.
- **\$400,000** to upgrade James King Park and Junction Island Nature Reserve in Wentworth.
- **\$374,000** to install the Buronga Wetlands to Riverfront shared way.
- **\$284,377** to construct the Balranald Creative Community Learning Centre.

Customer Service

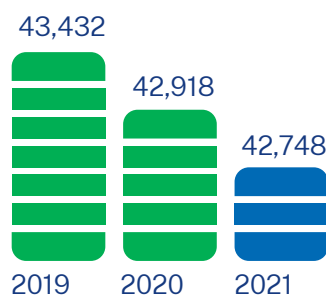
- **\$7.3 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.

Local Government Areas

Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Walgett and Wentworth

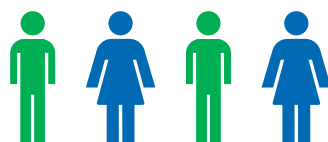


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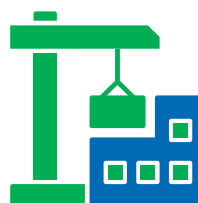
2020-21 Growth Rate

-0.4%



Key Industries

Education & Training, Mining, Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Health Care & Social Assistance, Education & Training



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Regional highlights

Hunter



Maitland

Health

New funding for the:

- **\$22.0 million** Maitland Integrated Community and Community Mental Health Services.
- **\$20.0 million** Forster-Tuncurry Health Facility.
- **\$13.0 million** Residential Eating Disorders Treatment Centre.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$835.0 million** John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct.
- **\$500.0 million** New Maitland Hospital and car park.
- **\$111.5 million** Cessnock Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$100.0 million** Manning Hospital redevelopment (Stage 2).
- **\$45.0 million** Muswellbrook Hospital redevelopment (Stage 3).

Education

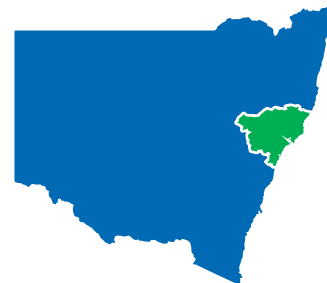
- **\$9.7 million** in 2022-23 for major upgrades for Muswellbrook South Public School.
- **\$5.6 million** and **\$5.0 million** respectively in 2022-23 to continue major upgrades and refurbishments at Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School, delivering upgraded core facilities and dedicated learning support spaces.
- **\$1.8 million** in 2022-23 to complete the expansion of TAFE NSW training facilities in Scone.
- **\$1.7 million** in 2022-23 to redevelop Gillieston Public School.

Transport

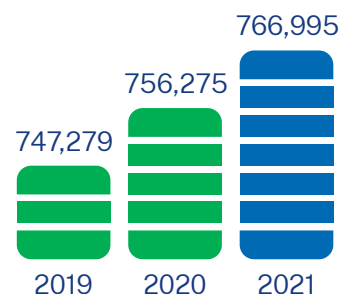
- **\$1.4 billion** over four years to continue planning the Pacific Motorway (M1) extension to Raymond Terrace (state and federally funded) and commence early works construction on the widening of Hexham Straight.
- **\$265.8 million** over four years to continue planning, design, and commence pre-construction of the Muswellbrook bypass (state and federally funded).
- **\$156.3 million** over four years to improve safety and travel times on Nelson Bay Road, including commencing work on a 1 km section of the existing road from Salt Ash to Bobs Farm.
- **\$36.6 million** to continue construction of the New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway.
- **\$19.8 million** to continue planning and commence pre-construction of the Singleton Bypass to deliver safer, more efficient journeys for thousands of motorists every day (state and federally funded).
- **\$9.7 million** to continue construction on flood immunity works on the Golden Highway at Mudies Creek (state and federally funded).

Local Government Areas

Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, MidCoast, Muswellbrook, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter

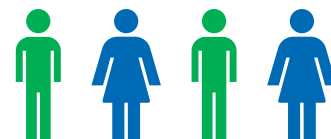


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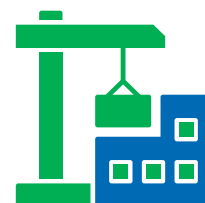
2020-21 Growth Rate

+ 1.4%



Key Industries

Mining, Rental, Health Care & Social Assistance, Construction, Education & Training



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Stronger Communities

- **\$12.0 million** for the construction of a new Singleton Police Station to accommodate increasing police numbers in the Hunter Valley Police District and provide modern policing facilities.

Planning and Environment

- **\$21.5 million** in additional funding over eight years to maintain the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme to help minimise flood risk.
- **\$6.6 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Regional NSW

- **\$25.0 million** dedicated to the Special Activation Precinct Pre-Delivery Works in Williamtown.

Grants to boost local economies including:

- **\$5.0 million** to establish a prototyping and manufacturing facility for hydrogen energy storage.
- **\$2.5 million** for the World Championship Air Race, to be held at Make Macquarie in November 2022.
- **\$785,527** to establish the Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council community centre.

Customer Service

- **\$12.5 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.



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Regional highlights

Illawarra-Shoalhaven



Health

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$721.9 million** New Shellharbour Hospital and Integrated Services and car park.
- **\$438.0 million** Shoalhaven Hospital redevelopment.

Education

- **\$18.4 million** in 2022-23 to relocate Budawang School.
- **\$5.8 million** in 2022-23 to establish a new primary school in South Nowra/Worrigee.
- **\$1.0 million** in 2022-23 to continue major upgrades at Bomaderry High School.

Transport

- **\$1.9 billion** over four years to continue the transformation of the Princes Highway south of Nowra, including the Milton Ulladulla Bypass, Jervis Bay to Sussex Inlet Upgrade Stage 1 and Jervis Bay Road Intersection (state and federally funded).
- **\$119.5 million** over four years to continue planning for upgrades of Picton Road to improve safety and connectivity as a key link for the Illawarra Region, South Coast, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne (state and federally funded).
- **\$44.2 million** to continue construction of the Nowra Bridge over the Shoalhaven River on the Princes Highway (state and federally funded).

Planning and Environment

- **\$1.7 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Regional NSW

Grants to boost local economies including:

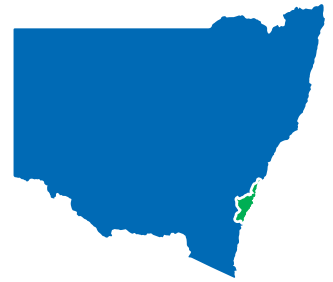
- **\$8.0 million** to deliver the first stage of the Southern Community and Recreation Precinct.
- **\$3.8 million** to upgrade four showgrounds in Shoalhaven.
- **\$2.8 million** to establish an Aboriginal-led land management team in Shoalhaven.

Customer Service

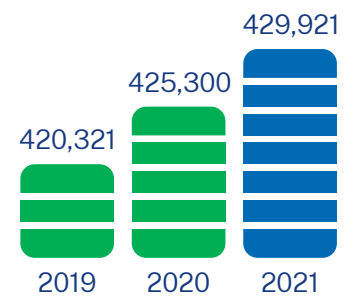
- **\$3.9 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.

Local Government Areas

Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven

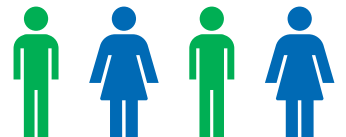


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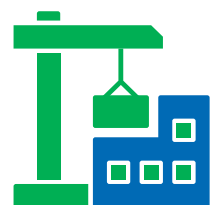
2020-21 Growth Rate

+ 1.1%



Key Industries

Health Care & Social Assistance, Construction, Public Administration & Safety, Education & Training



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Regional highlights

New England & North West



Health

New funding for the:

- **\$14.6 million** Banksia Unit at Tamworth Hospital.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$80.0 million** Moree Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$53.0 million** Gunnedah Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$50.0 million** Glen Innes Hospital redevelopment (including \$30.0 million of additional funding).

Education

- **\$20.8 million** in 2022-23 to continue construction of the new Wee Waa High School, providing a modern and safe environment for students and staff.
- **\$1.4 million** in 2022-23 to complete TAFE NSW Shared Services Centre in Tamworth, a modern and fit-for-purpose vocational training centre that will also provide 60 new jobs.

Transport

- **\$100.3 million** to continue delivery of heavy vehicle pavement upgrades on the Newell Highway (state and federally funded).
- **\$68.4 million** for the planning and construction of overtaking lanes along the full length of the Newell Highway (state and federally funded), including in the North-West.

Planning and Environment

- **\$79.9 million** in funding from the Commonwealth Government for the Northern Basin Toolkit for programs to support the Murray-Darling Basin including projects to support healthy rivers, aquatic life and fish-friendly screening.

- **\$37.8 million** for the Dungowan Dam project including construction of the pipeline between the dam and Tamworth.
- **\$11.8 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Regional NSW

- **\$193.9 million** for the Moree Special Activation Precinct.
- **\$5.0 million** for the Chickpea Breeding Program.

Grants to boost local economies including:

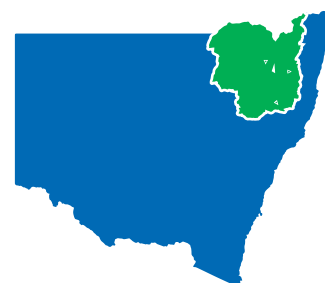
- **\$5.0 million** to upgrade the Armidale and Guyra livestock selling centres.
- **\$3.9 million** to upgrade the recreation and commercial infrastructure at the Dumaresq Dam.
- **\$866,964** to revitalise the Walcha State Park and surrounding precinct.

Customer Service

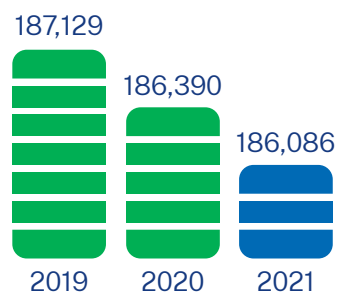
- **\$19.8 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.

Local Government Areas

Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha

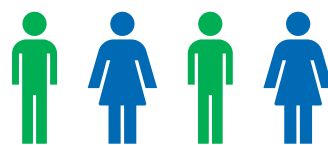


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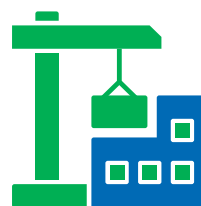
2020-21 Growth Rate

-0.2%



Key Industries

Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Mining, Health Care & Social Assistance, Education & Training



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Regional highlights

North Coast



Duranbah

Health

New funding for the:

- **\$263.8 million** Grafton Base Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$4.2 million** Medical Equipment upgrade across Mid North Coast Local Health District.
- **\$2.5 million** Kempsey Heritage Building refurbishment.
- **\$2.0 million** Ballina Hospital redevelopment planning.
- **\$1.7 million** Imaging Service upgrade across Mid North Coast Local Health District.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$723.3 million** Tweed Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services and car park.
- **\$312.8 million** Lismore Hospital (Stages 3A, B, and C) redevelopment.
- **\$194.0 million** Coffs Harbour Hospital expansion.
- **\$21.5 million** Port Macquarie Hospital Helipad Relocation and car park.

Education

- **\$70.1 million** in 2022-23 to continue delivery of major upgrades at Kingscliff Public School, Tweed Heads South Public School, Kingscliff High School, Bangalow Public School, Hastings Secondary College, Teven-Tintenbar Public School and Bexhill Public School.
- **\$40.2 million** in 2022-23 to continue delivery of the new Murwillumbah Education Campus.
- **\$10.1 million** in 2022-23 to continue delivery of skills facilities at Tweed River High School for the VET Pilot Program, in conjunction with ongoing major upgrades.
- **\$3.2 million** in 2022-23 to expand the TAFE campus at Kingscliff.

- **\$2.9 million** in 2022-23 for the Coffs Harbour TAFE Optimisation.
- **\$2.5 million** in 2022-23 for the Northern Rivers Education, Training and Research Hub.
- **\$886,000** in 2022-23 to relocate the Lennox Head Public School.

Transport

- **\$1.4 billion** over four years to continue construction of the Coffs Harbour Bypass, which will improve safety and reduce travel time (state and federal funded).
- **\$39.3 million** over four years to deliver road improvements along Waterfall Way from Pacific Highway at Raleigh to Armidale.
- **\$2.0 million** as part of the \$20 million commitment to fast track the Oxley Highway/Pacific Highway Interchange at Port Macquarie as part of the Oxley Highway Future Growth Program.

Stronger Communities

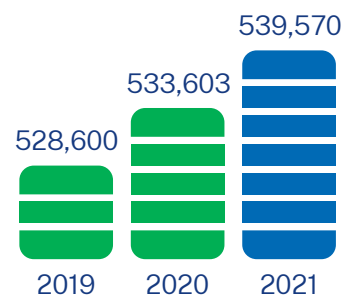
- **\$52.7 million** for the construction of new regional police stations to maximise productivity and meet the current and future needs of the NSW Police Force and community at Port Macquarie and Byron Bay.
- **\$3.5 million** to fit out premises for the Firearms Registry in the Tweed Heads area.

Local Government Areas

Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Nambucca Valley, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley and Tweed

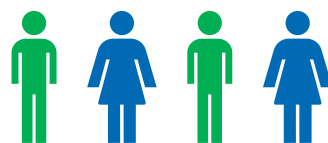


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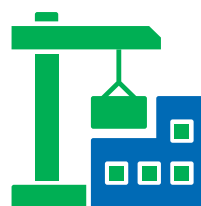
2020-21 Growth Rate

+ 1.1%



Key Industries

Tourism, Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Manufacturing



Planning and Environment

- **\$168.0 million** to deliver new social and police housing as well as repair and replace existing homes damaged during the floods.
- **\$70.0 million** to repair and replace flood-damaged housing for First Nations people.
- **\$56.4 million** for the Dorrigo Escarpment Walk and Arc Rainforest visitor experience.
- **\$54.7 million** to continue delivery of a new purpose-built office hub in Coffs Harbour, to accommodate 430 workers from across government agencies, improving cross agency collaboration and service delivery across the North Coast.
- **\$32.9 million** to enhance biosecurity for Lord Howe Island to protect the ecological values of this World Heritage listed site.

Regional NSW

Grants to boost local economies including:

- **\$11.1 million** to support the expansion of the Treelands Drive Community Hub and improve the accessibility of services to the community.
- **\$10.0 million** to upgrade and install new infrastructure in Casino to develop a 13 ha industrial park to facilitate the growth and expansion of local industry.
- **\$4.9 million** to upgrade the Astronomy Science Centre in Port Macquarie.

Customer Service

- **\$14.6 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.



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Regional highlights

Riverina Murray



Health

New funding for the:

- **\$80.0 million** Temora Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$45.0 million** Albury Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$25.0 million** Finley Hospital upgrade.
- **\$15.0 million** Key Health Worker Accommodation across Murrumbidgee Local Health District.
- **\$3.0 million** Albury Hospital Emergency Department Crisis Assessment Unit.
- **\$1.2 million** Leeton Hospital upgrade.
- **\$1.0 million** Wagga Wagga Health and Knowledge Precinct planning.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$461.4 million** Wagga Wagga Base Hospital redevelopment and car park.
- **\$250.0 million** Griffith Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$50.0 million** Tumut Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$5.7 million** Rural Health Infrastructure Program in Deniliquin and Leeton.

Education

- **\$7.1 million** in 2022-23 for Stage 2 of major upgrades at both Murrumbidgee Regional High School sites to complete the transition to the new education model, including a library upgrade, a new multipurpose space at the Griffith site and a new gymnasium and assembly space at the Wade site.
- **\$1.7 million** in 2022-23 to deliver a new primary school in Albury Thurgoona.
- **\$1.2 million** in 2022-23 to deliver upgrades to boarding facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School, providing an improved residential experience.

Transport

- **\$68.4 million** for the planning and construction of overtaking lanes along the full length of the Newell Highway (state and federally funded), including in the Riverina Murray.
- **\$5.6 million** to commence planning for the upgrade of Sheahan Bridge on Hume Highway in Gundagai to allow for heavy freight vehicles.
- **\$2.4 million** to commence planning for a new bridge at Swan Hill.

Stronger Communities

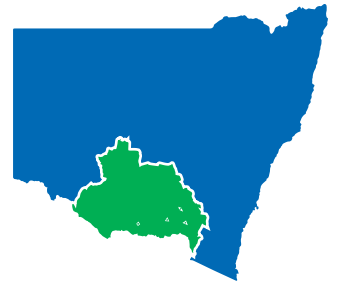
- **\$4.0 million** for the construction of the Moama Police Station.

Planning and Environment

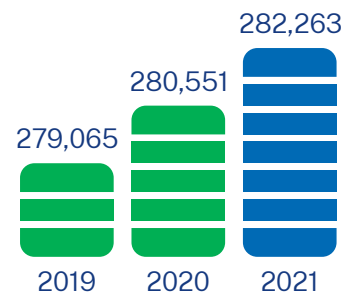
- More than **\$330.0 million** from the Commonwealth Government to accelerate the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism to help meet long-term targets set in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.
- **\$131.5 million** from the Commonwealth Government over three years to deliver water efficiency measures through the Off-farm Efficiency programs including \$124.0 million for Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited to deliver water savings by improving water delivery infrastructure.
- **\$22.6 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Local Government Areas

Albury, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Wagga Wagga

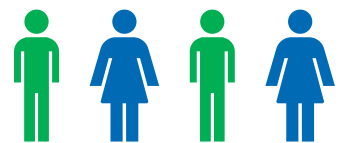


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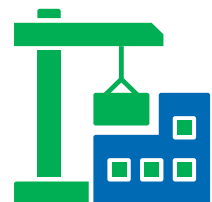
2020-21 Growth Rate

+ 0.6%



Key Industries

Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Public Administration & Safety, Manufacturing, Health Care & Social Assistance



Regional NSW

- **\$150.6 million** towards delivery of the 4,500 ha Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct.

Grants to boost local economies including:

- **\$10.7 million** for the Snowy Valley Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility.
- **\$2.7 million** for the West Wyalong Water Security project.
- **\$1.8 million** to upgrade Batlow Pool.

Customer Service

- **\$24.5 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.





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Regional highlights

South East & Tablelands



Pambula Lake

Health

New funding for the:

- **\$60.0 million** Eurobodalla Regional Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$20.0 million** HealthOne facility in Batemans Bay.
- **\$15.0 million** Key Health Worker Accommodation across Southern NSW Local Health District.
- **\$1.0 million** CT scanner in Young.

Continued delivery of the:

- **\$200.0 million** Eurobodalla Regional Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$165.0 million** Goulburn Hospital redevelopment.
- **\$24.2 million** Cooma Hospital redevelopment.

Education

- **\$69.4 million** in 2022-23 for construction of the Jindabyne Education Campus.
- **\$25.6 million** in 2022-23 to continue construction of a new high school in Jerrabomberra.
- **\$24.5 million** in 2022-23 to continue construction of a new high school in Bungendore.
- **\$10.8 million** in 2022-23 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Googong.
- **\$6.7 million** in 2022-23 to continue delivery of Moruya High School Upgrade.
- **\$6.4 million** in 2022-23 to continue works at Young High School, including a new joint-use library and community facility.
- **\$5.7 million** in 2022-23 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Murrumbateman.
- **\$283,000** in 2022-23 to upgrade the Yass High School multi-purpose hall.

Transport

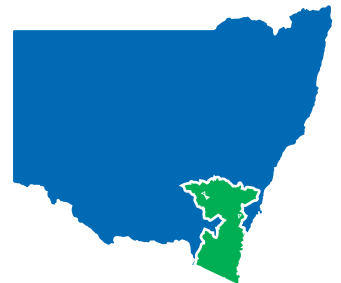
- **\$38.4 million** to continue construction of the Nelligen Bridge Replacement on the Kings Highway, Nelligen.
- **\$24.2 million** to continue planning and construction of the Barton Highway duplication from the ACT towards Murrumbateman (state and federally funded).
- **\$16.6 million** to continue construction of the Hume Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrade.
- **\$11.5 million** to continue construction on the Monaro Highway upgrade program.

Stronger Communities

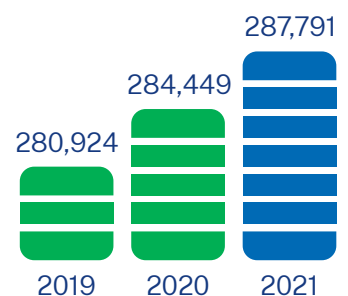
- **\$60.0 million** for major upgrades to the Goulburn Police Academy which incorporates contemporary technology and training facilities and refurbishes student accommodation and classrooms.
- **\$25.0 million** for major upgrades to the Goulburn Police Station.
- **\$16.4 million** for the upgrade and expansion of the Bega Police Station to include a new forensic facility.
- **\$13.0 million** to deliver the construction of Jindabyne/Perisher/Thredbo Police Stations Program.
- **\$9.5 million** to upgrade the Police Driver Training facilities and the gym and recreational centre at the Goulburn Police Academy.
- **\$3.0 million** to upgrade Critical Incident Response Training facilities at the Goulburn Police Academy.

Local Government Areas

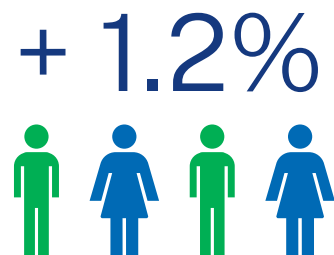
Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan Palerang, Snowy Monaro Regional, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee and Yass Valley



Population

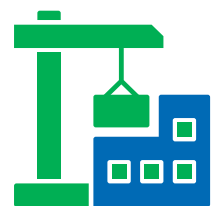


2020-21 Growth Rate



Key Industries

Construction, Health Care & Social Assistance, Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, Public Administration & Safety



Planning and Environment

- **\$3.7 million** to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Continued delivery of the

- **\$27.2 million** upgrade to the Snowies Iconic Walk.
- **\$9.6 million** Wombeyan Caves experience and new nature-based tourism opportunities.
- **\$7.9 million** upgrade to the Light to Light Walk.

Regional NSW

- **\$391.3 million** for the implementation of the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct.

Grants to boost local economies including:

- **\$9.8 million** to establish the Bega Showground Community Centre.
- **\$7.2 million** for the Bundian Way walking track which follows the traditional pathway used by the Aboriginal people of the region.
- **\$4.5 million** to develop the Eden Mountain Bike Hub.

Customer Service

- **\$21.1 million** for the Mission-Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program.






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