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NSW Government launches Hunter Infrastructure Call

The NSW Government has called for infrastructure projects to be considered for funding through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund (HIIF).

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard said the launch was an important milestone in the life of the Fund.

“Organisatons that can deliver projects on the ground are urged to make their suggestions to the HIIF for allocation of funds,” Minister Hazzard said.

“Projects that enhance productivity could be public roads, railways, port, energy, water, public schools or TAFE, public hospitals and health care facilities, emergency services, recreational, sporting as well as major cultural and entertainment venues.

“The Call will be open to private sector organisations partnering with state agencies and individual councils, ensuring that infrastructure projects important to local communities are put forward. All projects must be Hunter-based.

“The criteria document clearly outlines what is required for projects to be successful in obtaining funding from a limited pool,” Minister Hazzard said.

All projects will be assessed against the Eligibility Criteria and Essential Criteria to produce a shortlist compiled by the HIIF Advisory Board.

Some key criteria include:

- Projects must be ready to commence construction no later than 2013-14
- Projects must not be recurrent or maintenance works
- Projects must not have strong prospects of securing funding though an agency’s own budgetary cycle

A Technical Panel will be available to the Advisory Board to assist with the evaluation process.

Proposals are to be submitted by 22 August 2012.

The Fund’s Call for Proposals document is available at the NSW Government e-tendering website: https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/

More information can be found at the HIIF website: www.hunterinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au