



# **Brad Hazzard MP**

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### **NSW GOVERNMENT DELIVERS BILLIONS IN PROJECTS**

The NSW Government's plan to clear the backlog of hundreds of state significant and major projects has delivered a massive \$9.2 billion in approved projects this financial year.

NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard said this was a huge return on the \$13 million allocated in the 2012-13 Budget to clear the backlog.

"In March 2011 when the Coalition was elected there were 539 Part 3A projects left in the system," Mr Hazzard said.

"The NSW Government repealed the discredited Part 3A system in 2011, delegating decisions to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the independent Planning Assessment Commission.

"Determining these complex projects this financial year is a major boost for jobs, housing and commercial and business growth in NSW.

"It's a win for the building industry as it means more than 18,000 construction jobs, while the projects will also generate 9,800 ongoing jobs.

"Housing has also been boosted with 6,900 new units and more than 4,000 new home lots approved in projects," Mr Hazzard said.

Outcomes since June 2012 include:

- 152 transitional Part 3A and 21 State Significant Development/State Significant Infrastructure projects completed
- \$38 million commercial development Sydney Olympic Park (530 construction jobs, 1270 ongoing jobs)
- \$110 million redevelopment of Port Macquarie Base Hospital (1200 construction, 314 ongoing jobs)
- \$519 million Boggabri Coal Project (150 construction jobs, 500 ongoing jobs).

"The Department of Planning advises it intends to deal with the remaining 29 transitional Part 3A projects expeditiously.

"The jobs, homes and billions of dollars in investment from these approved projects is great news for NSW," Mr Hazzard said.

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