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GOVERNMENT DELIVERS NEARLY $50 MILLION FOR NEW HUNTER PROJECTS

The NSW Government is funding eight new projects, worth a total of $48.7 million, in the Hunter - bringing strong social and health benefits to the region.

“These projects, which were nominated by the Hunter community, include the $11 million expansion of the Newcastle Airport and the $7 million expansion of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at John Hunter Hospital,” NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said.

“The airport expansion will boost tourism in the region while the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, in combination with the recently announced $12.9 million Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at John Hunter Hospital will ensure that Hunter parents will have access to the best facilities for sick children and babies.”

Projects being funded from the Hunter Infrastructure & Investment Fund (HIIF):

- $11.1 million for the expansion of the Newcastle Airport terminal;
- $7.3 million for the construction of a new regional football facility at Speers Point;
- $7 million for the expansion of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the John Hunter Children’s Hospital;
- $5.7 million for the refurbishment of the Singleton “Gym and Swim” complex;
- $2 million for the refurbishment of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music;
- $2 million for the renovation of the Maitland Town Hall to provide a regional theatre space;
- $9.6 million for the replacement of the Muswellbrook Sewerage Treatment Plant; and
- $4 million for the reconstruction of Thomas Mitchell Drive, Muswellbrook.

A further $10.9 million remains in the fund to be allocated to other projects.

Mr Hazzard said NSW Cabinet had approved all of the Advisory Board’s recommendations.

“The projects were nominated by the Hunter community and will bring the total funding provided to the region over the last two years by the NSW Government’s HIIF to $338.7 million,” Mr Hazzard said.

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