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## Rebuilding NSW

### Chris Patterson and the Baird Government are working hard to deliver for Camden.

70% of the NSW Government's \$280 million upgrade of Camden Valley Way is complete.

The first two stages have opened four months ahead of schedule to provide safer roads and reduced travel times to road users.

The upgrade has provided an additional lane in each direction, taking it from one lane in each direction to two, as well as a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists.

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### Chris Patterson and Mike Baird have delivered the South West Rail Link.



✓ Two brand new train stations at Leppington and Edmondson Park



✓ Upgrade of Glenfield Station



✓ Services to commence in early 2015

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## Turbocharging NSW

In June 2014, the Government announced Rebuilding NSW – a new plan to turbocharge NSW.

This will release \$20 billion in capital from leasing the State's electricity businesses for investment in new productive infrastructure – meaning projects critical to improving the economy and our quality of life can get moving now, rather than years into the future.

It is a plan that will create more than 100,000 jobs and put downward pressure on electricity prices for consumers. It is a plan that will boost the economy by almost \$300 billion in just over 20 years.

## Comprehensive investment in infrastructure

It is clear from the Rebuilding NSW consultation process that the NSW community overwhelmingly supports the plan for \$20 billion in infrastructure investment. The Government's State Infrastructure Strategy now sets out our program of delivery.

The Strategy highlights the importance of sustaining productivity growth in our major centres and our regional communities, as well as supporting population growth toward an expected 6 million people in Sydney and more than 9 million in NSW.

Already, congestion costs Sydney \$5 billion per annum and this will grow to \$8 billion per annum by 2020 if we do nothing. Rebuilding NSW tackles this challenge head-on.

Rebuilding NSW will ensure that, as our community and economy grow, NSW citizens have the best in transport, education, health, sports and arts infrastructure.

The NSW Government has reviewed the investment recommendations put forward by Infrastructure NSW, the Government's expert infrastructure body, and accepts these recommendations.

*Rebuilding NSW: State Infrastructure Strategy 2014* will:

- > Reserve an additional \$1.1 billion to invest in the WestConnex northern and southern extensions, and the Western Harbour Tunnel.
- > Reserve an additional \$7 billion for Sydney Rapid Transit to fully fund a second Harbour rail crossing.
- > Increase the commitment of a Sports and Cultural Fund from \$500 million to \$1.2 billion, capitalising on our existing iconic assets and precincts, and improving the presence of facilities in Western Sydney.
- > Reserve \$4.1 billion for investment in regional roads and rail to underpin economic growth across the whole State.
- > Reserve \$1 billion for regional and metropolitan schools.
- > Reserve \$1 billion for regional and metropolitan hospitals.
- > Reserve \$1 billion for water security for our regional communities.
- > Reserve \$300 million for regional tourism and the environment.

## Welcome input from the community

The consultation process sought community and stakeholder feedback on potential priorities for the infrastructure investment program as well as how best to proceed with the proposed transaction.

This process confirmed strong community support for:

- > Investing the \$20 billion from leasing the State's
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electricity businesses  
in productive infrastructure.

- > Planning for the long term and aligning investment with a well-considered infrastructure strategy.
- > Ensuring Sydney remains a liveable and productive city.
- > Creating greater opportunity for regional NSW by connecting the regions to markets.

We thank the many hundreds of organisations and individuals who have played a part by having their say through our Rebuilding consultation process. Our plan for NSW is better for your contribution.

### **WestConnex extensions and Western Harbour Tunnel**

Rebuilding NSW enables us to relieve congestion in Sydney.

Together with WestConnex, the northern and southern extensions will provide a western bypass for the Sydney CBD.

This will:

- > Alleviate pressure on Southern Cross Drive and the Eastern Distributor
- > Reduce journey times from Sydney's south
- > Improve the connectivity between Sydney's west and the Harbour Bridge
- > Facilitate the Western Harbour Tunnel.

The two extensions are being further assessed as part of the development of WestConnex Stage 3, which is the final stage of the project. Stages 1 and 2 of WestConnex are already in the market for procurement. These extensions also facilitate the Western Harbour Tunnel.

The Western Harbour Tunnel targets congestion on the Harbour Bridge and Tunnel, potentially diverting around 2,000 vehicles an hour. Final business cases for the project will now be finalised.

### **Sydney Rapid Transit**

Sydney Rapid Transit will see an extension of the North West Rail Link services under Sydney Harbour and through the Sydney CBD, onto the Bankstown Line. Significant new capacity will be delivered for the whole rail network. Sydney Rapid Transit will reduce travel times and remove 17 million car trips from the road per annum.

The Government will reserve \$7 billion from Rebuilding NSW, meaning that together with funds already earmarked, the mid-range cost estimate for the project, at \$10.4 billion, is now fully funded. Current planning indicates the line will be operational within 10 years, by 2024.

### **Delivering for regions**

Rebuilding NSW includes new investment programs that will ensure regional and rural communities receive their fair share of infrastructure. The Government will reserve \$6 billion for regional infrastructure, including:

- > \$3.7 billion on regional roads,
- > \$1 billion on water security,
- > \$600 million for schools and hospitals,
- > \$400 million for rail freight,
- > \$300 million for a regional tourism and environment fund.

\$1 billion in funds from the Regional Growth Roads Program will be directed towards high growth projects including areas of the Central Coast, the Lower Hunter, the far North Coast and the Southern Illawarra region.

### **Sports and culture**

The Government will reserve \$1.2 billion for sports and cultural infrastructure, up from \$500 million, including:

- > \$600 million allocation for a cultural infrastructure program
- > \$600 million for stadia.

The Government will also reserve \$300 million for regional environment and tourism.

### **Health and education**

The Government will reserve \$700 million in Rebuilding NSW funds to create a 10-year Future Focused Schools Program for education infrastructure, along with \$300 million for schools renewal in regional areas.

The Government will also reserve \$600 million to support additional health infrastructure in growth areas, along with \$300 million for Regional Multipurpose Health Facilities, and a further \$100 million for the Care Co-location Program.

# Camden 2011 to 2015



## FIRST STAGE OF M5 WEST WIDENING COMPLETED

Minister for Roads turned the first sod for the work to begin to widen the M5 West in 2012. The work on the M5 has benefited tens of thousands of South Western Sydney commuters travelling each day to and from work. During construction some 500 jobs were created. Now completed, motorists are experiencing improved traffic flows.

*Photo: Minister for Roads and Freight the Hon Duncan Gay MLC and Chris.*

## 40K ZONE REMOVED ON NARELLAN ROAD

A major improvement to Narellan Road was the removal of the 40K School Zone. For many years the zone was a disruption to the traffic on Narellan Road. I thank Mt Annan Christian College Principal, Nathan Gray for his assistance in working with the government to remove the zone. The Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Freight was pleased to assist with other road improvements to enable the continued safety of students at the school.

*Photo: Removal of the sign*



## REMOVAL OF ENTRY FEE AT BOTANIC GARDENS

The removal of the entry fees to Mt Annan Botanic Gardens was welcomed by the Camden community. Families in Western Sydney now have the same free access that was available to Sydney people at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Free access to the gardens has made it easier for families to access these parklands to enjoy, relax and learn about our natural and unique environment and do it more regularly. Park patronage has doubled since the Free Entry was introduced. Operating hours are 8am to 7pm every day except for Christmas Day. If you would like further information about the Mt Annan Botanic Gardens I encourage you to visit their website [www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/annan](http://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/annan).

*Photo: Chris, Sophie Patterson, the Elling Family and the Hon Barry O'Farrell*

## NEW NARELLAN POLICE STATION OPENED

The new Narellan Police Station was officially opened in October 2011. The station has given the Police the opportunity to work together in one location and combine their skills in all areas of Policing. Local Area Commander Superintendent Ward Hanson said that having all officers in the one location has assisted in their work.

*Photo: Chris with Superintendent David Scrimgeour, Minister for Police and Emergency Services the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, LAC Commander Superintendent Ward Hanson and Chris*



## NEW FIRE TRUCK DELIVERED TO NARELLAN

The new truck will provide additional capability on Total Fire Ban days, during bushfire and during severe weather events, and are to be staffed by additional firefighters. This multi-purpose vehicle is a four-wheel drive which allows firefighters to access fires in difficult terrain and it has a water spray protection system that can be operated from the cabin to protect the crew. The new tanker can pump 1900 litres of water a minute and is equipped with special firefighting foam and it carries breathing apparatus for each crew member. The new tanker carries 3500 litres of water compared to 2000 on a standard fire truck. The truck has been a welcomed asset to Camden and surrounding areas. Fire and Rescue NSW will now operate with a record budget of \$665 million – the largest in the organisation's 130 year history.

*Photo: Minister for Police and Emergency Services the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Chris and members of the Narellan Fire Brigade*

## FIRST PLANTBANK at BOTANIC GARDENS

One of Australia's most important banks will store life itself. The PlantBank is vital for the future of Australian biodiversity. Located at the nation's largest botanic garden, the \$19.8 million scientific facility Incorporates the largest native seedbank.

The PlantBank at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan has invested in nature and millions of living seeds will be collected and deposited to preserve Australia's biodiversity and establish a hub for research into the survival needs and life-giving properties of our plants. This bank is crucial because if a species becomes extinct, no amount of money and no government on Earth can recover that species. When we lose any plant, we lose threads in the web of life and untold potential for human health and well-being. The ultimate goal is to collect and store seeds or live tissue from all of Australia's 25,000 plant species.

*Photo: Chris with Dr Brett Summerell, Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak and former NSW Governor Dame Marie Bashir AV CVO*

