



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

New South Wales

Through the October 2022-23 Budget, the Australian Government is investing almost \$1.4 billion for vital land transport infrastructure projects in NSW to improve safety and reduce travel times.

Key projects include a planning study for a Nowra Bypass, the Epping Bridge upgrade, and planning and early works for Sydney's North West Growth Corridor. These projects form part of the Government's strategy to ease congestion, better connect regions, improve access and safety of our roads and meet our national freight challenge.

This Budget follows a repositioning of the Infrastructure Investment Program to respond to market capacity constraints, creating a more sustainable infrastructure pipeline while continuing to support priorities for NSW.

Delivering key
infrastructure
for **New South
Wales**

Key projects

Blue Mountains Roads Upgrades

The Australian Government has committed \$12.5 million for the Blue Mountains Roads Upgrades project.

The Blue Mountains Roads Upgrades project will help to improve community access and contribute to safety and efficiency for road users in this area. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and be completed by early 2026.



Brindabella Road Upgrade

The Australian Government has committed \$17.4 million for safety upgrades to a dangerous section of Brindabella Road from Brindabella Valley to the ACT border.

The Brindabella Road Upgrade will help to improve safety for all road users, reduce travel times, and boost tourism. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Central Coast Road Upgrades

The Australian Government has committed \$40 million for Central Coast Road Upgrades.

The Central Coast Road Upgrades will help to improve safety for all road users, reduce congestions and improve network reliability. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Coulsons Creek Road Upgrade

The Australian Government has committed \$38.6 million for upgrades to Coulsons Creek Road between Merriwa and Willow Tree, in addition to \$9.66 million from the NSW Government.

Coulsons Creek Road has been significantly damaged due to heavy rainfall and subsequent land slips and remains closed to all traffic. This urgently needed upgrade will reconstruct the road, improve safety for all road users, and bolster the road's resilience. The project is expected to commence in mid 2025 and is expected to be completed by mid 2027.



Dunheved Road Upgrade

The Australian Government has reconfirmed the existing commitment of \$127 million in funding for the Dunheved Road Upgrade in Penrith.

The project will help to improve community access and contribute to safety and efficiency for road users in this area. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 be completed by late 2024.



Dunns Creek Road

The Australian Government has committed \$65 million for the construction of Dunns Creek Road between Googong and Canberra.

The project will help ease traffic congestion coming out of Queanbeyan and its surrounds. The project is expected to commence in mid-2023 and be completed by late 2026.



Epping Bridge

The Australian Government has committed \$110 million for the upgrade of the Epping Bridge at Epping, in addition to \$110 million from the NSW Government.

The Epping Bridge will help to improve safety and reduce congestion. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2029.



Finalise Planning and Preparatory Works for Castlereagh Connection

The Australian Government has committed \$50 million to finalise planning and preparatory works for the Castlereagh Connection project in the Hawkesbury region.

The project will finalise planning and undertake early works on the Castlereagh Connection to inform a future investment decision for construction. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and be completed by early 2027.



Hawkesbury Roads Upgrade Package

The Australian Government has committed \$11.2 million for the Hawkesbury Roads Upgrade Package.

The Hawkesbury Roads Upgrade Package will help to improve community access and contribute to safety and efficiency for road users in this area. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2027.



Hill Road Upgrade for Wentworth Point

The Australian Government has committed \$8.5 million for the Hill Road Upgrade for Wentworth Point.



Mandalong Road Upgrade

The Australian Government has committed \$56 million for new roundabouts at the Gateway Boulevard and Wyee Road intersections, and the duplication of Mandalong Road in Morisset.

The Mandalong Road Upgrade will unlock 6,500 new jobs, 4,500 new dwellings and \$1.2 billion of capital investment over the next two to five years alone according to Council modelling. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Middleton Drive Extension – M7 Underpass

The Australian Government has committed \$6 million for the Middleton Drive Extension - M7 Underpass project between Middleton Grange and Austral, in addition to \$3 million from the Liverpool City Council.

The project will help to improve community access and contribute to safety and efficiency for road users in this area.



Narooma Bridge - Planning

The Australian Government has committed \$5 million for a planning study of the Narooma Bridge.

The project will produce a feasibility study on the future of the Narooma Bridge. The project is expected to commence in mid-2023 and is expected to be completed by mid-2025.



New England Highway – Muswellbrook Bypass

The Australian Government has reconfirmed the commitment of \$268.6 million for a New England Highway bypass of Muswellbrook, in addition to \$67.2 million from the NSW Government.

The New England Highway – Muswellbrook Bypass will help to improve travel times, freight efficiency and safety for all road users. The project is expected to commence in mid-2024 and is expected to be completed by mid-2028.



New Richmond Bridge and Traffic Improvements (Hawkesbury River Third Crossing)

The Australian Government has reconfirmed the existing commitment of \$400 million for the New Richmond Bridge and Traffic Improvements (formerly known as the Hawkesbury River Third Crossing) project between North Richmond and Richmond, in addition to \$100 million from the NSW Government.

The project will help to improve flood resilience, improve safety for road users and reduce congestion. The project is expected to commence in late 2022 and is expected to be completed by late 2026.



North West Growth Corridor – Planning and Early Works

The Australian Government has committed \$75 million for the North West Growth Corridor – Planning and Early Works.

The project will help to finalise planning and undertake early works on the North West Growth Corridor in Western Sydney to inform a future investment decision for construction. Roads to be considered include Bandon Road and Garfield Road. The



project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2027.

Nowra Bypass - Planning

The Australian Government has committed \$32 million toward a planning study for a Princes Highway Bypass of Nowra.

The planning of a Nowra Bypass will help identify options to ease traffic congestion, improve the liveability and workability of Nowra and the region, helping small businesses, tourism, and local jobs. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Richmond Road – Planning

The Australian Government has committed \$37 million for the Richmond Road - Planning project in Western Sydney.

The project will help to finalise planning on the Richmond Road corridor to inform a future investment decision for construction. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and be completed by mid 2025.



River Road Safety Upgrades

The Australian Government has committed \$9.4 million for River Road Safety Upgrades in Revesby.

The River Road Safety Upgrades will help to improve safety for all road users and reduce congestion at intersection of River Road, Marco and Sphinx Avenues. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Shoalhaven Roads

The Australian Government has committed \$40 million for upgrades to Forest Road, Callala Beach Road, Callala Bay Road, Culburra Road, Worrigeer Intersection, and Callala Bay Intersection just outside of Nowra.

The Shoalhaven Roads project will help to improve safety for all road users. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.

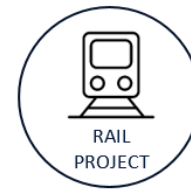


High Speed Rail Authority

The Australian Government has committed to establish the High Speed Rail Authority to provide independent advice on high speed rail and faster rail, lead coordination with the states and territories, and oversee construction of the high-speed rail network.

The first priority of the Authority will be planning, corridor protection and early works for the Sydney to Newcastle section of the high-speed rail network, with a \$500 million investment by Australian Government.

See the High Speed Rail Authority fact sheet for more detail.



Upgrade to Avoca Drive on the Central Coast

The Australian Government has committed \$30 million for upgrades to Avoca Drive on the Central Coast.

The upgrade to Avoca Drive on the Central Coast will help to improve safety and reduce congestion. The project is expected to commence in early 2023 and is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Other commitments

Expert Panel for Western Sydney Infrastructure Planning

The Australian Government has committed to the establishment of an expert panel for Western Sydney infrastructure planning. The panel will undertake a strategic needs assessment of transport infrastructure in Western Sydney and provide its findings to the Government ahead of the 2023-24 Budget.

