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REANNOUNCEMENTS AND PLANNING – NO NEW STIMULUS PROJECTS FOR THE CENTRAL COAST

Today's NSW Budget unfortunately offered no new major infrastructure projects to stimulate the Coast's economy and supercharge jobs in the post COVID future.

Central Coast drivers will have to wait longer for relief on major arterial roads with only the Pacific Hwy at Lisarow receiving construction money for the works already under way.

Road projects in other areas including Central Coast Hwy Tumby Umbi – Bateau Bay, Manns Rd Gosford and Pacific Hwy through Wyong once again only received planning dollars offering zero short to medium term relief for Central Coast road users.

The only new major commuter funding is for Tuggerah Station Commuter car park promised back in 2019. (\$16.9m), other commitments are for access projects already started.

There are only two schools on the Coast (Porters Creek under construction and Brooke Ave PS) to receive any substantial funding leading to many Coast schools continuing to rely on demountable classrooms to house students taking up valuable playground space.

There is no construction money for the "faster trains" promise made at the 2019 election, only more planning money for the Woy Woy to Hornsby section.

The Social housing Crisis has not been addressed with only upgrades to existing properties leading to no impact on the growing waiting lists in a Central Coast housing and rental market under real stress.

There is no enhanced funding to address Tuggerah Lakes and Coastal erosion issues despite the cries of the community for action on both fronts.

“The NSW Liberal Government has missed a real chance to fast track some major road and infrastructure projects to boost the Central Coast economy, creating jobs and relieving congestion,” Mr Harris said.

“Once again we have been kept on hold, with planning money, but no funds to actually start building projects resulting in local business and families trapped in congestion whether travelling to work, school or for social excursions,” Mr Harris said.

“It’s a real disappointment that this budget has done nothing to reverse the massive cuts to social housing on the Coast which has resulted in there being 200 less social housing dwellings than there was 10 years ago. The lack of sufficient social housing on the Coast has a direct impact on our current housing affordability crisis,” David Mehan Member for The Entrance said.

“Coasties deserve much more respect and investment from this state government, especially as we are emerging from COVID,” Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford said.

Tesch also assures local service providers “We will be fighting to ensure the Coast receives our share of state-wide Domestic Violence funding to support our over-stressed services,” Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford said.

“The Liberals have yet again forgotten the Central Coast in this budget. This was a real opportunity to stimulate the Central Coast economy by investing in major infrastructure projects like the much need upgrades to Carters Road to help tackle traffic congestion. Once again the Central Coast is an afterthought for the Berejiklian Government,” Yasmin Catley, Member for Swansea said.

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