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MOSTLY PLANNING FUNDING-NO NEW PROJECTS

The NSW Budget is extremely disappointing for Central Coast Residents with a series of re-announcements, more "planning" money and no new stimulus projects to boost the Coast economy during a deep recession.

There is funding for continuing projects but only planning funding for projects already announced such as Pacific Hwy, Central Coast Hwy improvements, Tuggerah Railway station improvements and several school projects.

The Coast's population continues to grow but we're being denied substantial infrastructure improvement funding.

The Central Coast is already reeling from an effective cut to public service wages which removes millions of dollars from the local economy-health workers, teachers, police, fire-fighters and other public service workers.

The Central Coast should have been identified for a Special Activation Precinct (SAP) to help fast-track important projects such as Somersby Industrial Precinct, Gosford CBD Precinct, Tuggerah-Wyong Corridor and the Wyong Employment Zone (WEZ) including Warnervale Town Centre.

The Coast's economy is experiencing recession and unemployment growth and clearly the NSW Government has failed to deliver stimulus which will combat the negative effects of the pandemic in the short to medium term.

There is underinvestment in social housing, mental health services, growing waiting lists at local hospitals for elective surgery and support for services which deliver programs to families experiencing difficulty across the Central Coast.

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