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NSW STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2020 REPORT

SUMMARY OF NSW STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021 RELATING TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Members are advised that Master Builders has prepared this summary of the NSW State Government Budget for the financial year 2020-2021. This update focuses on matters that are of particular significance to the NSW Building and Construction Industry.

Infrastructure

[Budget Paper No. 3 Infrastructure Statement](#) - details the NSW Government's infrastructure and investment program that improves the State's economic growth and productivity. A record \$107.1 billion in capital expenditure is planned over the forward estimates (the four years to 2023-24) including transport infrastructure (road and rail) (\$72.2 billion) hospitals and health facilities (\$10.7 billion) and schools and educational facilities (\$7.7 billion).

Included in the Infrastructure Paper is the 'Restart NSW Fund', set up to finance and deliver high-priority infrastructure projects such as the New Intercity Rail Fleet, Western Harbour Tunnel and Parramatta Light Rail. Over \$4.4 billion in Restart funds is reserved for future projects, including regional infrastructure.

Regional NSW

For those with an interest in supporting our regions through recovery from natural disasters and positioning regional economies for economic growth and prosperity, members may access the supporting paper, [Regional NSW](#), which details commitments and stimulus measures for transport, health and education by region.

Specific Infrastructure Projects

Here is a selection of the featured projects by cluster:

Transport

- Sydney Gateway (\$2.2 billion over four years)
- Sydney Metro West (\$2.1 billion)
- Sydney Metro West - Airport (\$810 million)
- Parramatta Light Rail - Stage 1 (\$655.6 million)
- Spring Farm Parkway - Menangle (\$90 million)
- Mamre Road - West Sydney (\$28 million)
- New England, Newell, Pacific and Princes Highway upgrades (\$3.9 billion)



Health

- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (\$750 million)
- St George Hospital – Ambulatory Care Precinct (\$105 million)
- Sydney Childrens’ Hospital, Randwick (\$60 million)
- Shellharbour (\$51.5 million), Shoalhaven (\$438 million), Eurobodalla (\$200 million) and Tweed (\$82.7 million) Hospitals

Education and Justice

- Googong, Murrumbateman and Edmondson Park schools (\$320 million)
- Regional schools renewal program – 600 schools State wide (\$120 million)
- LED light replacement program (\$157.8 million)
- Goulburn Police Academy (\$60 million)
- Upgrades to courthouses and correction facilities (\$100 million)

Payroll tax

- In May 2020, the NSW Government brought forward by one year the increase in payroll tax threshold to \$1 million.
- This Budget announces a further permanent increase in the payroll tax-free threshold from \$1 million to \$1.2 million (3,500 NSW businesses no longer having to pay payroll tax).
- The NSW Government will also cut the payroll tax rate from 5.45% to 4.85% from 1 July 2020 for two years.

Infrastructure Apprenticeships and Training Programs

- Through the Skilling for Recovery program, the NSW Government will significantly increase the apprenticeship intake across Transport for NSW.
- It will also provide \$80 million in support for apprenticeships and cadetships in the community housing and construction sectors and a further 300 traineeships will be created across NSW public sector agencies.

For further information on the 2020-2021 State Budget visit the [NSW Treasury website](#)