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PROJECTS SHORTLISTED UNDER FIRST ROUND OF 2013/14 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS

Fourteen infrastructure projects in mining-affected communities have been shortlisted for funding in the first round of this year's *Resources for Regions* program, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner announced today.

Successful projects will be selected from the following shortlist:

Local Government Area	Shortlisted Project	Project Value (\$m)
Singleton	CBD works to improve traffic flows	9.0
Muswellbrook	Waste water treatment works	9.6
	Road safety improvements	7.6
Mid-Western Regional Council	Carleon housing development	16.5
	Ulan Road upgrade	2.0
	Mudgee airport	1.0
Narrabri	Narrabri airport expansion	8.7
	Water augmentation infrastructure	7.5
	Boggabri sewer upgrades	4.6
Cobar	Replace the waste water treatment plant	7.8
	Airport runway and lighting upgrades	2.28
Lithgow	Aquatic centre	4.7
	Redevelopment of Black Bridge	3.5
Wollongong	Cordeaux Road and bridge upgrade	4.5

The shortlisted projects were assessed by the Independent Assessment Panel comprising Infrastructure NSW, NSW Farmers and Local Government NSW.

"A total of 64 projects have been assessed as part of the first round with 14 making the shortlist," Mr Stoner said.

"These projects have been chosen due to their capacity to support economic growth and productivity, relieve infrastructure constraints, and support NSW communities affected by mining.

"Following detailed assessments, around \$40 million worth of projects will be selected from the shortlist under the first round of this year's *Resources for Regions* program.

“The Independent Assessment Panel will now undertake a detailed assessment of these shortlisted projects, with successful projects to be announced in the coming months,” he said.

No applications were received from the Newcastle LGA in the first round.

Mr Stoner said the NSW Government will call for applications to the second round of Resources for Regions 2013/14 following the conclusion of the first round.

“As I announced earlier this year, due to higher than expected returns on the Government’s asset sales, there will two rounds of funding in this year’s *Resources for Regions* program,” Mr Stoner said.

“A total of \$120 million in funding – split across two rounds – will be available for infrastructure projects in eligible mining affected communities, being Cobar, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Muswellbrook, Narrabri, Newcastle, Singleton and Wollongong Local Government Areas.

“Following the announcement of successful first round projects, we will open applications for the second round worth around \$80 million.

“Given the significant amount of funding on offer this year, I would encourage proponents from the eight eligible LGAs under this year’s *Resources for Regions* program to apply under the second round.”

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**\$41.9M INVESTMENT IN RESOURCES FOR REGIONS
PROJECTS**

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure & Services Andrew Stoner today announced funding for six infrastructure projects in mining-affected communities through the first round of the Resources for Regions Program in 2013-14.

Mr Stoner also announced that the second round of funding through this program for 2013-14 opened today, with up to \$78 million available for economic and social infrastructure projects that will benefit mining-affected communities.

He said the Resources for Regions program offers a total of \$120 million in 2013-14 – split across two rounds – for infrastructure projects in the eligible mining-affected communities of Cobar, Lithgow, Mid-Western, Muswellbrook, Narrabri, Newcastle, Singleton and Wollongong.

“Resources for Regions provides funding to communities experiencing unique direct and indirect pressures on their infrastructure and services as a result of mining activity,” Mr Stoner said.

“These projects have been chosen for funding by an independent panel for their capacity to support economic growth and productivity, ease infrastructure constraints, and support NSW communities affected by mining.”

The six successful projects from round one are:

- Cobar - \$7.8 million to replace the waste water treatment plant;
- Lithgow - \$3.5 million for the redevelopment of Black Bridge;
- Mid-Western LGA - \$9.5 million to upgrade Ulan Road;
- Muswellbrook - \$7.6 million for a roads safety and improvement project including an over dimension vehicle bypass and industrial services centre road network;
- Singleton - \$9 million for a CBD renewal project to improve traffic flows; and
- Wollongong - \$4.5 million to upgrade Cordeaux Road and bridge.

Mr Stoner said the NSW Government is also calling for expressions of interest for the second round of funding for projects to improve local economic and social infrastructure in the eligible mining-affected communities. The second round is open to the eight Local Government Areas eligible under the first round for 2013-14.

“The NSW Government recognises that rapid growth places pressure on infrastructure. Projects that improve this infrastructure can provide economic and social benefits for regional communities,” he said.

“I encourage local councils, community groups, local businesses and non-government organisations in the eligible mining-affected communities to nominate projects for the second round of funding.”

Following the expression of interest period the NSW Government will make an initial assessment as to whether proposals are likely to qualify for more detailed consideration. Proposals that are short-listed will be invited to submit a full application.

An Independent Assessment Panel comprised of senior representatives from Infrastructure NSW, NSW Farmers and Local Government NSW will then consider applications and make funding recommendations to the Board of Infrastructure NSW.

Expressions of interest for the second round of funding close on Monday, November 11, 2013. An announcement about the short-listed applications will be made later this year and the successful projects announced early in 2014.

For more information on Resources for Regions, including details on the application process, go to www.business.nsw.gov.au/assistance-and-support/grants/regional-programs/resources-for-regions.

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Dear Roger Bailey

Reference: RNSW 039 Restart NSW application for funding for Redevelopment of Black Bridge

I am pleased to advise that the Redevelopment of Black Bridge has obtained conditional approval for Restart NSW funding, Resources for Regions 2013/14 program.

Restart NSW funding of this project will be by grant in accordance with Restart NSW funding agreement.

The next step is to verify some of the details provided in your submission to Restart NSW in the procurement plan including key milestones required for a funding agreement. Infrastructure NSW has recommended that funding is conditional on the Council agreeing to a competitive tender process. Please consider whether this is acceptable to the Council.

Please contact Roisin Daly on 02 8016 0100 to arrange a time to meet and discuss the agreement.

Congratulations on the funding offer for this important project.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Roger Bailey

Reference: RNSW 038 Restart NSW application for funding for Lithgow Aquatic Centre

I regret to advise that Lithgow Aquatic Centre has not been selected for Restart NSW Resources for Regions funding for the first round in 2013-14.

The project was not recommended as the project did not demonstrate that the deterioration of the facility or demand for a new facility was strongly related to mining activity.

The selected projects are reported on the Infrastructure NSW website for your information.

Please note that the NSW Government has announced the opening of the second round for 2013-14, for which Expressions of Interest close on 11 November. The guidelines and forms are available on our website. This project will be eligible to be considered in the second round, which was announced today, and you are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest.

For any further information or feedback on the selection please email your questions in the first instance to mail@insw.com.

Yours sincerely



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