

COALITION RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL GROWTH AREAS ALLIANCE

Under the Turnbull Coalition Government, a record \$50 billion is being invested into critical infrastructure and regional development to reduce congestion, improve safety and better connect Australian products to domestic and international markets.

Right now, as a result of the Coalition's investment there are major infrastructure projects underway across the country.

We have committed funding to the Bruce Highway, Ipswich Motorway and Toowoomba Second Range Crossing in Queensland; the Pacific Highway, Westconnex and Northconnex in New South Wales; Monash Freeway and M80 Ring Road in Victoria; Perth Freight Link and NorthLink in Western Australia; North-South Corridor in South Australia; Midland Highway in Tasmania; and a range of projects in the Northern Territory.

In addition to major works, we have also committed \$3.2 billion to the Roads to Recovery Programme to upgrade and maintain local roads. On top of this commitment, we will also deliver an additional \$50 million per year to the programme from 2019–20, increasing the overall annual commitment to \$400 million to support the construction and maintenance of local roads.

The Coalition's \$500 million Black Spot Programme will continue in the long-term with funding of \$60 million per year for safety upgrades such as roundabouts, crash barriers and street lights at dangerous locations.

The \$200 million Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme, which provides funding support for rest stops, parking bays and heavy vehicle capacity upgrades, will also receive funding of \$40 million per year from 2019-20 to improve safety and efficiency of heavy vehicle operations around the country.

The \$300 million Bridges Renewal Programme established by the Coalition, will continue to assist local councils to upgrade bridges and enhance access to local communities. So far, 244 bridges around the nation have been upgraded under the programme.

We are also investing in important public transport projects, including the \$95 million Gold Coast Light Rail, the Sydney Metro and the Melbourne Metro to improve access, amenity and liveability.

The Coalition's commitment to the Inland Rail will transform freight movements through Victoria, NSW and South East Queensland and stimulate growth and prosperity in these regions.

After five decades of indecision, the Coalition Government is getting on with building a second airport for Sydney at Badgerys Creek and planning for a rail link.

Under the Coalition Government, Infrastructure Australia has delivered the first ever 15 Year National Infrastructure Plan.

Through its Infrastructure Investment Programme the Turnbull Coalition team is committed to working with all communities, local Councils and States and Territories to identify and address infrastructure priorities.