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Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan

RDA Hunter in conjunction with Infrastructure NSW
Economic analysis and business cases prepared by Hyder Consulting
Released: October 2013

Context

- Funded by the Commonwealth;
- Focus on goods and freight transported by road; and
- Mining communities impacted due to increasing levels of road freight.

Economic Infrastructure requirements considered

- Port of Newcastle
- Rail – Hunter Valley rail Corridor
- Electricity
- Road – future of freight
- Water

Outcomes

- Further investigation on roads and water
- An integrated plan for the region;
- Whole of supply chain view presented;
- Improved export capacity;
- Support for Hunter's future economic growth.

2013 - 2020

Investment in the Hunter: \$1,014,895,000



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Status of projects in Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan

Recommended projects	Funding announced	Date(s)	Status
01. Duplication of Tourle Street Bridge and approaches, Kooragang Island	Cwlth \$51.9 million NSW \$51.9 million	June 2018	Built & Open
02. New England Highway bypass of Scone	Cwlth \$45 million NSW \$45 million	March 2020	Built & Open
03. Upgrade of two roundabouts at Maitland	NSW (HIIF) \$45 million	Sept 2016	Built & Open
04. Construction of new bridge over the Great Northern Railway at Gunnedah	Restart NSW, Bridges for the Bush \$62 million	Feb 2020	Construction progressing. Girders above the rail line
05. Widening of Singleton Gowrie gates rail underpass and approaches	Rebuilding NSW \$29 million	July 2019	Built & Open
06. Upgrade New England Highway to dual carriageway Belford to Golden Highway & grade separation of the Golden Highway/New England Highway intersection	Rebuilding NSW \$85 million	April 2020 – utility relocation	Early stages of upgrade. Final detailed planning
07. Golden Highway Corridor Strategy, inc. upgrades between NEHighway and Denman.	NSW \$1 million Cwlth \$23.795 m	2016 - 2022	Sections being progressively upgraded
08. And upgrades through Denman or construction of a Denman bypass, and between Denman and Ulan	NSW \$23.795 m Rebuilding NSW \$85 million		
09. Bypass of the New England Highway around Singleton – Central Corridor (6.5 km)	Rebuilding NSW \$92 million	Feb 2020	Public comment on concept & REF, closed
10. Bypass of the New England Highway around Muswellbrook (8.5 km)	Rebuilding NSW \$266 million	Mid-2020	Preferred Option released for community feedback
11. Reconstruction of NEHighway Pavement in parts from Aberdeen to Willow Tree	Rebuilding NSW \$68 million	June 2019	Built & Open
12. Bypass of the Kamilaroi Highway around Quirindi	Estimated cost 2013: \$12 - \$15 million	2020 – 2025	Long term planning
13. Lower Hunter Freight Rail Corridor Project – support preservation of corridor as a priority	NSW Budgets: 2016- 17: \$14 million ; 2017 -18: \$11.8 million 2018-19: \$14 million	2016 - 2025	Stalled. Included 2017 IA: AIPlan – Omitted IA Infrastructure Priority List, 2020
14. Water Supply Assessment: The NSW Government to undertake an analysis of industry water requirements to support growth under various drought scenarios, and provide industry with the necessary up-to-date information to manage risks associated with water supply & drought. Build on studies of impact on mining to include agribusiness and power generation. Also research delivery efficiency models.	Office of Water (NSW) Hunter to receive part of \$1bn reservation in Rebuilding NSW	2015 – 2020	High Priority Initiatives, 2020 Infrastructure Plan: Town and City, as well as National water security strategies. NSW Nov 2018 Greater Hunter regional water strategy