



Greg Aplin MP
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NOMINATE NOW TO SECURE OUR SHARE OF \$200M

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today urged local councils and residents in the Greater Hume Shire Council area to nominate community infrastructure projects to receive funding under the NSW Government's new *Stronger Country Communities Fund*.

Mr Aplin said the \$200 million *Stronger Country Communities Fund*, is all about investing in local infrastructure projects for rural and regional communities, making them even more vibrant places to live and work.

"This funding will go towards projects that the community needs and wants – this is your chance to build or refurbish school facilities, libraries, parks, walking or cycle paths, health centres, country halls and playgrounds.

"Although councils will submit all applications to the fund, community groups are strongly encouraged to identify proposals that meet local aspirations and ensure their local councils submit proposals on behalf of the community," he said.

"I encourage community groups and residents in the Greater Hume Shire Council area to also share your ideas for potential projects with me," Mr Aplin said.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the fund will support projects between \$100,000 and \$1 million, or higher with financial co-contribution.

"The *Stronger Country Communities Fund* is a once-in-a-generation investment in the infrastructure that will make our towns and regional cities the kinds of places people want to live in, and love to live in," he said.

"The *Stronger Country Communities Fund* is just one part of the NSW Government's \$1.3 billion *Regional Growth Fund*, designed to improve economic growth and productivity with investment in regional communities," he said.

Greater Hume Shire Council is part of Tranche C of this fund, with Tranche A and B already closed. All Tranches will re-open for round two of funding in 2018. Visit www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities for more information.

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