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\$120 MILLION FOR MORE OPEN SPACES AND PLAYGROUNDS

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has welcomed a NSW Government announcement to increase open spaces and inclusive playgrounds, following a \$120 million funding injection to make communities across the state more liveable.

“After my recent announcement of \$11m to create new tourism precincts - “Murray River Regional Experiences” - this new funding provides our local Councils with further opportunities to enhance our open spaces,” said Mr Aplin.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian has announced the NSW Government has committed \$100 million to secure strategic open green space while also setting aside an extra \$20 million to build new and upgraded inclusive playgrounds.

“Having access to green open space is a crucial ingredient in making communities thriving and enjoyable places to live,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“We are committed to not only creating the jobs and infrastructure our communities need, but also the vital open and green spaces so that families can have the best quality of life.

“Our strong economic management means the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government can invest in better local communities by creating more open space. We’ve heard the communities’ call to improve liveability and we are acting.”

The \$100 million commitment will allow the Government to identify and purchase land for public open space. An extra \$20 million will go towards building new inclusive playgrounds in communities that currently do not have them, while also funding upgrades to playgrounds to ensure they have the most engaging and inclusive equipment.

“Through strategic planning and the purchasing of land we will be able to deliver quality parks and playgrounds for kids to play or open space to walk the family dog,” Mr Aplin said.

“This is a Government that cares about its community and that’s why we want to ensure open space, parks, outdoor recreation areas and play spaces are able to be enjoyed by everybody equally.”

The \$20 million Everyone Can Play in NSW program will fund Councils by way of grants to renew, renovate or build new playgrounds.

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