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2018-19 NSW BUDGET: FINANCIAL BLOCKBUSTER

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin welcomed the NSW Budget today, saying “In the Albury Electorate our influx of new projects is due to strong financial control by the NSW Government – and we are reaping the rewards here.”

Highlights for all of us in NSW

- Budget in surplus. Again. \$3.9 billion for this year.
- No state debt. Again.
- AAA Credit Rating. Again.
- NSW continues to be the state with the lowest unemployment rate. Again
- \$1 billion for support of the homeless.
- A record \$17.3 billion will be spent on education funding this year, with an additional 900 full time teachers in schools across NSW. Up to 1000 public schools will receive air conditioning (\$500M funding boost).
- This includes funding for James Fallon HS hall works and Corowa TAFE.
- \$600M in additional funding for road safety improvements and enhanced police enforcement; XPT procurement program gets \$31M.
- Building a world-class regional water management and compliance regime with a commitment of more than \$23M over the next two years.
- A boost to the FACS frontline will see 100 new workers for the child protection system and more investment in Australia’s most successful open adoption program.
- New \$3 billion NSW Generations Fund to protect against future state debt and guard against long-term budget pressures.

Good news for small business

- Payroll Tax threshold to be lifted in steps to \$1M. \$881M to be returned to business pockets in payroll tax cuts over the next four years.
- \$22M for Community Legal Centres and a Civil Justice Strategy that will improve the way small businesses resolve legal disputes.

- Support for farmers and their families facing drought has been boosted by \$284M, bringing the NSW Government's drought relief package to well over half a billion dollars.
- \$50M investment in the state's primary industries research stations to help bolster on-farm productivity.

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