



**Greg Aplin MP**  
Member for Albury

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### **2018-19 NSW BUDGET: NSW AND ALBURY ELECTORATE HEALTH**

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin welcomed the NSW Budget today, saying “I have been working on a plan to completely modernise the way mental health is managed here. First came the Brain & Mind Centre, currently under development, as a community treatment one-stop-shop.

“And today the exciting news that Nolan House – the border’s acute mental health facility – will be reimaged and rebuilt with planning funding to commence the process.

“It’s not just infrastructure. An increase of \$82.5M in the mental health Budget boosts it to \$2 billion – the biggest single investment in mental health infrastructure in Australia’s history.”

#### **Other health funding in the Budget includes:**

- Ongoing preparations for \$30M Albury Hospital Emergency Department.
- Ongoing development of the Brain & Mind Centre.
- Recurrent funding for Albury Wodonga Health of approximately \$120M.
- Funding for an additional 950 nurses and midwives, 300 doctors, 120 allied health workers, 700 paramedics and 50 call centre staff, over the next four years.
- Ongoing funding for \$60M rebuild of MPSs at Tumbarumba and Culcairn.
- Additional investment in technology and staff to advance paediatric precision medicine to help treat childhood cancer and other genetic disorders.
- Enhanced systems across NSW to support safe and timely transfer of pregnant women who require higher levels of care.
- Increased specialist perinatal and infant mental health services, which will deliver mental health services to pregnant women and mothers with severe and complex mental illness.
- Planning for neonatal and obstetrics services at Albury Hospital.

- \$55M in initiatives to support mental health workers and workplaces.

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