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Barton Deakin Brief: NSW Government's 2017-18 Pre-Budget Announcements

9 June 2017

The New South Wales (**NSW**) Treasurer, the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, will hand down the Coalition's third State Budget in its second term on Tuesday, 20 June 2017.

This Barton Deakin Brief outlines the pre-Budget announcements for the 2017-18 NSW State Budget.

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Planning and Housing

First homebuyers package

1 June 2017

The Premier of NSW, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP together with NSW Treasurer, the Hon Dominic Perrottet and the Minister for Planning and Minister for Housing, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, announced a package to support first homebuyers by providing stamp duty exemptions and boosting housing supply.

Comprehensive Barton Deakin Brief on the NSW Government's housing reforms, [here](#).

Ministers' media release, [here](#).

Government's overview, [here](#).

First Home Buyers fact-sheet, [here](#).

Early Childhood Education

\$217 million for Start Strong programme

9 June 2017

The Minister for early Childhood Education, the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, has announced \$217 million to assist in pre-school fee relief. The funding aims to make early childhood education more affordable for families by delivering \$217 million to the [Start Strong](#) programme.

The investment will extend the Start Strong programme to 2021 and will ensure that community preschool services pass on at least 75 per cent of the increased funding to parents.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).

Social Housing

\$20 million for rough sleepers in NSW

5 June 2017

The Minister for Social Housing, the Hon Pru Goward MP, has announced \$20 million for rough sleepers in NSW to give greater access to transitional housing and support services.

The \$20 million will be allocated over four years to facilitate the headleasing of 120 dwellings per year, with tenancy and support co-ordination to be delivered through [Specialist Homelessness Services \(SHS\)](#) providers.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).

Sport

\$4 million for Surf Life Saving Clubs across NSW

4 June 2017

The Minister for Sport, the Hon Stuart Ayres has announced a doubling of annual funding for grants to Surf Life Saving Clubs to \$4 million. The investment aims to provide significant upgrades to surf club facilities and improve access for 76,000 volunteer surf life savers from the 129 clubs across NSW.

This financial year, surf clubs who had previously already reached the maximum cap of \$400,000 will be eligible for facility funding again.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).



Justice

\$8.5 million for new trial courts at Downing Centre, CBD and new State Parole Authority hearing room at the Sydney West Trial Courts in Parramatta

7 June 2017

The Attorney General, the Hon Mark Speakman SC MP has announced \$8.5 million to fund new courtrooms to reduce District Court backlog. The funding will go toward two new trial courts at the Downing Centre in Sydney's CBD, and a new State Parole Authority hearing room at the Sydney West Trial Courts in Parramatta, which will make an existing courtroom available for trials.

The \$8.5 million builds on \$4.9 million of expenditure in 2016-17 for the early stages of the project, which included the recently completed Downing Centre trial court.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).

Environment

\$32.1 million for Western Sydney Parklands

6 June 2017

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, has announced \$32.1 million will be invested to improve recreational areas and conservation projects at [Western Sydney Parklands](#).

The investment includes approximately \$21 million towards capital works projects.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).

\$6.6 million additional funding to National Parks and Wildlife Service fire management

7 June 2017

Minister Upton has announced an additional \$6.6 million over two years to replace two of its firefighting helicopters. This funding is an additional investment on top of the \$40 million [National Parks and Wildlife Service](#)'s fire management budget.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).

Regional New South Wales

\$10 million additional funding to Bathurst VeloCity Park precinct

7 June 2017

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, the Hon John Barilaro MP, has announced an additional \$10 million for the VeloCity Park project.

The funding is in addition to the \$5 million already allocated by the NSW Office of Sport, bringing the NSW Government's investment in the project to \$15 million.

Bathurst Regional Council's proposed \$52.4 million VeloCity Park precinct will be built on 668-hectares alongside Mount Panorama, and will consist of a new track as well as accommodation and hospitality facilities. Bathurst Regional Council has committed \$27.4 million toward the project and is seeking \$10 million in Commonwealth support to fully fund its construction, which is expected to take two years.

Ministers' media release, [here](#).



Further Information

Barton Deakin Brief on the NSW State Budget 2016-17, [here](#).

Barton Deakin Brief on the NSW State Budget Half-Yearly Review, [here](#).

NSW Government's Half-Yearly Budget Review, [here](#).

NSW Government's 2016-17 Half-Yearly Review Fact Sheet, [here](#).

NSW Government's 2016-17 Budget Papers Budget Speech, [here](#).

NSW Government's 2016-17 Budget Papers Budget Overview, [here](#).

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