

One year of 
 making it happen



MAKING IT HAPPEN



As we mark the first year since the March 2015 election, it's important to take stock of what has been achieved for the people of NSW.

The NSW Government's first 89 election commitments are now in place in our major cities and across regional NSW and, while there is much more to do, we have already achieved real outcomes that have made a difference to people's lives – take the South West Rail Link, for example, completed a year ahead of schedule and \$300 million under budget. A record \$1 billion has been reserved for health infrastructure, including upgrades to our state's hospitals, and we are better supporting families with additional resources, like more school counsellors and out-of-school-hours care for working parents.

The economy is growing, with almost 300,000 jobs created since 2011.

Since the election, I've established 12 Premier's Priorities that define my Government's vision for a stronger, healthier and safer NSW. We look forward to updating you on our progress against these targets later in the year.

It is our privilege to serve the NSW community, and we will continue to strive for great results. Thank you for your continued support.

Mike Baird
NSW Premier



Strong budget and economy

Economic momentum in NSW continues to drive the national economy. The state outperforms the nation, with the country's lowest unemployment rate and more jobs created in the last year than all of the other states combined. The budget is healthy and consumer and business confidence is strong.

This government is determined to keep NSW moving forward. In the past 12 months, our focus has been on job creation, building infrastructure and improving health and education services.

We've listened to your feedback and delivered results – from introducing new Fair Trading penalties that crack down on real estate agents who underquote, to establishing a \$2,000 small business employment incentive that rewards small businesses for every additional employee they take on.

We also passed legislation to allow the 99-year lease of the state's "poles and wires", so far generating \$10 billion in gross proceeds towards the largest infrastructure reform agenda that NSW, and indeed the country, has ever seen.



Building infrastructure

The NSW Government has the most ambitious public works program in the state's history. In one year, we've completed tunnelling for the Sydney Metro Northwest, and locked in the route for the Sydney Metro City and Southwest. We've also launched a new round of upgrades to country roads, with \$50 million in funding for regional councils. In public transport, we've commenced either planning or construction for upgrades at 15 train stations across NSW.



Better services

We're working to make the services we offer easier, faster and more convenient. Among other highlights, our first 12 months since the election has included increasing the numbers of school counsellors as part of the \$167 million Supported Students, Successful Students package; investing \$4.9 million to provide immediate and statewide access to a secure, consolidated summary of patients' health information; and making recent real estate sales data available for free, including sales summaries by street and by suburb.



Safer communities

We're committed to making our communities safer. That's why we're investing \$100 million over four years to equip NSW Police with the latest technology to remain a step ahead of criminals – from mobile fingerprint machines to tablets for frontline police and hand-held narcotic testing machines. We are continuing the roll-out of body-worn video cameras for frontline police officers, and we've introduced tough new penalties to target the illegal firearm trade – including a 14-year penalty for possession of a stolen firearm.

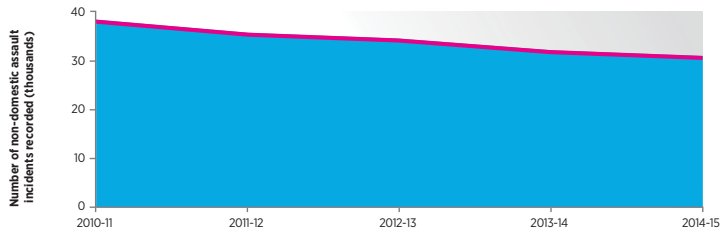


Protecting the vulnerable

Our strong economy allows us to provide for and protect those most vulnerable in the community. Our domestic and family violence reforms, designed to provide better services for victims, have been rolled out to four new locations: Bankstown, Broken Hill, Parramatta and Tweed Heads. We have also introduced a \$90 gas rebate to help 290,000 low-income households, and provided an additional \$3 million towards a new distribution centre for Foodbank NSW, Australia's largest hunger relief charity.

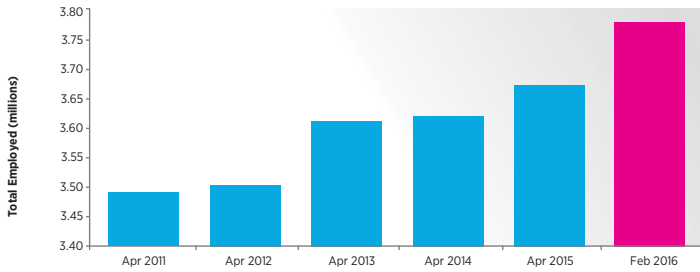
Key highlights

Reducing the rate of assault



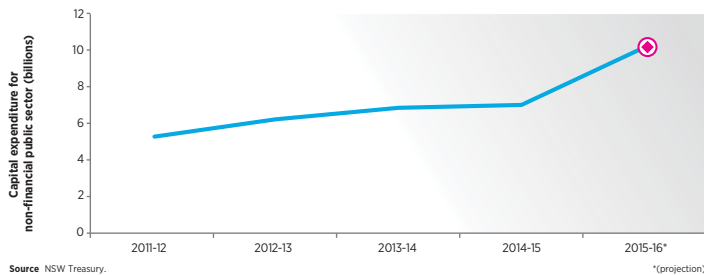
Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

Creating more jobs



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Increasing transport infrastructure spend



Source: NSW Treasury.

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Election Commitments Delivered

Project/Program

Extended funding to the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association NSW, the Council on the Ageing NSW, the Aged Care Rights Service and the Older Women's Network for an additional 12 months.

Gave \$1.5 million to Batemans Bay Muddy Puddles, a not-for-profit group, for an education therapy centre for children with disabilities.

Signed a new three-year lease with the Manly Community Centre for the Manly Public School.

Gave a further \$250,000 for early intervention services for deaf children to the Shepherd Centre, Casula.

Gave a grant of \$55,000 to Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre to assist with providing disability access.

Gave \$3 million to Foodbank NSW, Australia's largest hunger relief charity, for a new distribution centre.

Cracked down on anti-social behaviour in public housing with a series of new measures.

Expanded *It Stops Here: Safer Pathways*, a program to prevent domestic and family violence, to four new locations: Bankstown, Parramatta, Broken Hill and Tweed Heads.

Provided an additional 40 car spaces at Murwillumbah Hospital.

Gave \$200,000 to St Marys Community Health Centre for video conferencing facilities to allow clinicians to remotely consult with doctors or specialists at Nepean Hospital.

Gave \$4.9 million to expand HealtheNet, providing immediate and state-wide access to a secure, consolidated summary of a patient's health information to clinicians in all NSW Local Health Districts.

Gave \$150,000 to extend Daffodil Cottage Cancer Service for outpatients of Bathurst Health Service.

Donated \$10 million towards the construction of a new Ronald McDonald House to accommodate families in need while their children seek treatment at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Amended regulations so that community pharmacists can now administer flu vaccines.

Guaranteed internship placements for all domestic medical graduates from NSW universities.

Introduced legislation to protect the title 'paramedic' in NSW.

Enhanced subsidies and simplified claims processes for the Isolated Patient Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme.

Abolished public patient co-payments for the s100 Highly Specialised Drugs needed to treat cancer and other chronic illnesses.

Banned the sale of e-cigarettes and related products, including all e-liquids, to anyone aged under 18.

Gave an extra \$7.7 million to EnableNSW to reduce wait times for aids and equipment in patients' homes.

Increased the maximum penalty for sexual intercourse with a child under 10 from 25 years to life imprisonment; added 13 child sexual assault offences to the standard non-parole period scheme.

Introduced a pilot program using specialist judges to deal with child sexual assaults.

Established a taskforce made up of victim groups and NSW Justice, Health and Police officials to examine mandatory anti-libidinal treatment as a sentencing option.

Halved the threshold for charging dealers with possessing large commercial quantities of ice for supply.

Reopened the Kirkconnell Correctional Centre near Bathurst following a complete upgrade.

Introduced five additional firearms offences to the Standard Non-Parole Period (SNPP) scheme, with the proposed new SNPPs higher than the average.

Appointed Andrew Tink to undertake a detailed review of police oversight to eliminate duplication and increase transparency and accountability.

Committed \$90,350 to Hunter Surf Life Saving for surf lifesaving technology at 13 Newcastle surf clubs.

Added 200+ hectares to Wianamatta Regional Park to protect Western Sydney's resident emu population.

Election Commitments Delivered

Project/Program

Expanded Brisbane Waters National Park in Gosford.

Launched a one-year trial of a \$15 discount on Multi-Park and All-Park entry passes to National Parks when families renew their car registrations.

Added 23.35 hectares of land known as 'The Drip' to Goulburn River National Park.

Announced 16 'Bush Connect' grants valued at \$8 million for the next phase of the Great Eastern Ranges conservation initiative.

Created the new Edmondson Regional Park – a valuable area of green space for fast-growing southwestern Sydney.

Provided 19 new Community Renewable Energy Grants.

Re-opened parts of the Warragamba Dam to the public on weekends and public holidays.

Appointed Professor Allan Fels as the NSW Electricity Price Commissioner.

Reserved \$600 million under Rebuilding NSW for the Sports Stadia Infrastructure program.

Provided \$60,000 for renovations to the Queanbeyan Basketball Centre.

Gave \$50,000 for necessary studies for the proposed Moss Vale Sporting complex.

Upgraded more than \$44,000 worth of sporting infrastructure at Loftus Oval, Evatt Park, Ash Road Prestons Ground and Gannons Park Peakhurst.

Gave \$30,000 to the St Clair "Comets" Junior Rugby League Club.

Gave \$20,000 to the Kemps Creek United Soccer Club.

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Gave \$18,226 for the Merriwa Sports Oval Amenities block upgrade.

Gave \$13,500 to the Merriwa Tennis Club to upgrade court lighting.

Gave \$22,872 to the Quirindi Tennis Club for the upgrade of two synthetic grass courts.

Gave \$8,620 to Liverpool Plains Shire Council to fund two cricket sight screens at Quirindi Oval.

Provided \$343 million to extend concessions for seniors for another three years, including discounted public transport, cheaper energy and water bills, council rates and vehicle registration.

Appointed an inaugural NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Boosted the State's investment attraction schemes by \$32 million to attract businesses from interstate and overseas to NSW.

Donated \$3.935 million for the establishment of a John Monash Foundation postgraduate scholarship.

Established a Newsagents Assistance Fund of \$15 million to assist lottery agencies to fund new fit-outs required by new franchise agreements.

Extended the Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) buy-back scheme under the NSW Gas Plan.

Extended the energy rebate scheme to include gas bills; rolled out a \$90 gas rebate to help 290,000 low income households; almost doubled the value of the Life Support Rebate to cover the cost of electricity for approved medical devices; expanded the Life Support Rebate to help an estimated 6,000 quadriplegic customers; ensured access to every NSW energy rebate for residents in retirement villages, residential communities, and embedded network strata schemes.

Committed an additional \$15 million in funding for Landcare to help fund regional Landcare facilitators and central statewide support.

Staged the inaugural annual NSW Fishing Day on December 6, 2015.

Project/Program

Established a biosecurity advisory committee.

Committed \$4 million in additional resources for Local Land Services.

Funded the extension of the flying fox netting subsidy program.

Hosted, in collaboration with the Australian Government, a summit on commercial multi-peril insurance for the cropping sector.

Held a roundtable on young farmer finance.

Amended the Mining State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

Developed a 'Right to Farm' policy to help drive development and productivity in the agricultural sector.

Gave \$17 million from Restart NSW to the Newcastle Mines Grout Fund to address mine subsidence.

Gave \$838,000 to the Singleton Diggers Club for a power generator so that the club can serve as an emergency evacuation centre.

Gave \$144,000 to Aberdeen Recreation Hub as part of ClubGrants.

Made entry to the Powerhouse and Australian Museum free for children under 16.

Assessed connections from Port Botany and Sydney Airport to WestConnex for road and rail freight.

Upgraded Brisbane Water Drive and Manns Road at West Gosford.

Invested \$25 million towards upgrades on Terrigal Road.

Provided \$2 million to commence planning for the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade.

Contributed to the upgrade of Guyra to Ebor Road.

Provided lift access at platforms 6 and 7 at Redfern train station in Sydney.

Opened five pedestrian crossings over the rail corridor in Newcastle CBD.

Rolled out 30 projects worth \$1.6 million to fund improved accessibility and public transport for country passengers.

Invested \$1.05 million to upgrade the Dubbo Rail Triangle.

Extended the \$5,000 Jobs Action Plan payroll tax rebates for four more years.

Established a \$2,000 Small Business Employment Incentive to reward small businesses for every new employee hired.

Implemented a 1.5 per cent efficiency dividend to achieve over four years as part of the 2015-2016 Budget.

Made additional loan funding of \$104 million available to the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund.

Deregulated Boxing Day retail trading hours to allow shops and banks to stay open.

Made property sales data available for free, including a summary of sales by street and suburb.

Implemented 10 NSW Government procurement savings initiatives to be realised over four years.

Reviewed the finances of the Workers Compensation Scheme to invest more money in supporting injured workers to return to work and give money back to businesses in the form of lower premiums.

Introduced legislation to protect workers and prosecute illegal protestors on mining sites.

Conducted a three-month car share trial for the NSW Government.

Cracked down on real estate underquoting by requiring all property advertisements mentioning a price to offer an actual dollar price or range; making sure the advertised price reflects the agent's agreement with the seller; penalising agents with loss of commission and fees in addition to the existing financial penalty of up to \$22,000; and setting up an underquoting complaints hotline.



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