Regional Capitals Australia

RCA FEDERAL BUDGET REPORT

FUNDED PROJECTS – ADVOCATED

RCA PRIORITY	HUB & SPOKE	PROJECT	2017/18 Funding	2018/19 Funding	NOTES
Cities	**Nil**	**Smart Cities & Suburbs** Initiative supports the delivery of innovative smart city projects that improve the liveability, productivity and sustainability of cities and regional towns.	$50 million (Total) $28.3 million Round 1 announcement on 17 November 2017	$21.7 million Remaining funding for Round 2	$250,000 - $5 million grants available for local government agencies and bodies. Deadline: 2 July 2018
Cities	**Nil**	**City Deals** Long-term partnership between the three levels of government and the community focused on growth and job creation.	<u>Townsville</u> $250 million <u>Launceston</u> - $141 million - Additional $54.33 million in first year of implementation	Geelong MOU – Nil Signed: 17 January 2018	No funding source for deals

Infrastructure – Liveability and jobs	Yes – package of projects can be funded across regions	**Regional Growth Fund** Funding for regional infrastructure projects that will unlock economic opportunities across the regions.		$272 million Guidelines released: 2 March 2018 Applications closed: 27 April 2018	Funding over four years from 2018/19, providing grants of $10 million for major projects.
Infrastructure – liveability and Jobs	Nil	**Building Better Regions** Program supports regional and remote communities to take advantage of regional development opportunities.	$200 million – Round 2 Announced: May 2017 budget	$200 million – Round 3 Announced: May 2018 budget	Funding will support regional infrastructure and community investments up to 2021/22. Includes $45 million for tourism-related infrastructure projects.
Infrastructure	Yes	**Roads black spots** Funding for road safety works at place where serious crashes have occurred or are likely to occur.	$744.5 million until 2022 - $1.87 million for NT in the 2018-19 funding round (announced 17 May 2018)		

Infrastructure	**Yes**	**Infrastructure Investment Pipeline** For new and upgraded transport infrastructure projects, with the aim of increasing productivity, boosting local communities, connecting our regions and cities, and creating local jobs	$75 billion	Ongoing	• Inland Rail $9.3 billion • Bruce Highway $3.3 billion • Coffs Highway Bypass $971 million
Infrastructure – connectivity	Yes	**Roads of Strategic Importance (part of the pipeline)** Support upgrades to key road freight corridors in regional Australia to increase network reliability and connectivity	Nil	$3.5 billion	Includes: - $1.5 billion Northern Australia package - $400 million for Tasmanian roads - $100 million for NSW and ACT Barton Highway Corridor - $1.5 billion for future national priorities
Infrastructure – connectivity	Yes	**Outback Way (part of the pipeline)**	$42 million to 2019	$100 million	Funding across WA, NT and QLD.

	$28 million under the Northern Australia Roads Program	
State Pipeline Funding Breakdown		
New South Wales	$1.226 billion	- Coffs Harbour Bypass: $971 million Other regional funding: - Nowra Bridge construction: $155 million - Barton Highway corridor: $100 million
Victoria	$182 million	- Geelong line: $50 million - Princess Highway Duplication (Traralgon to Sale): $132 million
Queensland	$3.875 billion	- Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger

		Rail Business Case planning: $15 million Other regional funding: - Cunningham Highway (Amberley Interchange): $170 million - Bruce Highway: $3.3 billion - Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade: $390 million
Western Australia	$230 million	- Bindoon Bypass – Great Northern Highway: $220 million - EastLink WA (Orange Route) Business Case: $10 million
South Australia	$160 million	- Joy Baluch Bridge: $160 million

Northern Territory				$280 million	- Central Arnhem Road Upgrade: $180 million - Buntine Highway Upgrade: $100 million -
Tertiary Education	Yes	**Regional Study Hubs** Funding to improve access to higher education for students in rural and remote areas.	$15 million for 8 study hubs Announced: 9 March 2018	$1.7 million	This will fund the establishment costs and operations of the hubs
Tertiary Education	Yes	**Regional Study Hubs** Funding to improve access to higher education for students in rural and remote areas.		$14 million (Included in $96.1 million education funding)	This funding will be for 500 Commonwealth supported bachelor degree places for students studying at study hubs
Tertiary Education	Nil	**Sub-bachelor places** to allow greater access to higher education for rural	Nil	$28 Million	

		and regional students			
Tertiary Education	Nil	Commonwealth supported places at the University of the Sunshine Coast, the University of Tasmania and Southern Cross University.	Nil	$123 Million	A return of funding for broader cuts to university places in 2017
Tertiary Education	**Nil**	**Youth Allowance** Funding over four years to improve regional students' access to youth allowance.	Nil	$53.9 million	Parental income cut-off lifted for regional workforce, providing support for additional 2,300 students.
Health	Yes	Includes funding towards: - 6 university medical schools - 18 rural clinical schools	$83.3 million Funding from 2017-2022	Refer 2017/18	- University of NSW (Wagga Wagga) - University of Sydney (Dubbo) - Charles Sturt University/Western Sydney University (Orange)

		- 15 University Departments of Rural Health - 6 dental schools - 26 regional training hubs			- Monash University (Bendigo, Mildura) - University of Melbourne/La Trobe University (Shepparton, Bendigo, Wodonga) -
Health	Nil	**Aged Care Facilities** Funding for aged care facilities in regional, rural and remote Australia.		$40 million	

PROJECTS NOT FUNDED

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Connectivity	Nil	**Mobile black spots** Funding to improve mobile coverage in regional and remote parts of Australia.	Commitment: $60 million for Priority Locations round from 2017-2020		
Jobs	Nil	Decentralisation	• Australia Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) to Armidale (delivered)		

- Australian Tax Office – new jobs in Gosford (delivered)
- Agrifutures in Wagga Wagga, NSW (delivered)
- Regional Investment Corporation in Orange, NSW (to be delivered)
- Grains Research and Development Corporate (GRDC) in Toowoomba, Dubbo, (to be delivered)

The Government will continue to identify and announce options for further decentralisation throughout 2018-19.