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FOURTEEN COMMUNITY PROJECTS SHORTLISTED FOR A SHARE OF \$32 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

Fourteen local economic and social infrastructure projects from around the State have been shortlisted for a share of \$32 million in funding available under the NSW Government's 2015-16 Resources for Regions program.

Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business John Barilaro said the funding would help local communities most impacted by mining activity.

"The shortlisted projects include road and sewerage upgrades, CBD renewal and expansion of health and tertiary education facilities across the Hunter, Central West, Illawarra, Western Riverina and North West region," Mr Barilaro said.

"This round of funding comes in addition to \$208 million already allocated under the program to 32 local infrastructure projects across health, water, roads, education, tourism and CBD renewal.

"Resources for Regions program supports infrastructure projects that improve economic growth and productivity in mining impacted communities across regional NSW."

67 Expressions of Interest were received in this round, which is the first time the program has been open to all regional Local Government Areas in NSW that are able to show mining impacts.

"We have delivered on our election commitment to expand the program which means communities like Wentworth, Lake Macquarie, Parkes and Blayney now have the chance to secure funding for the first time"

Final funding is determined after detailed applications have been reviewed by Infrastructure NSW's Regional Independent Assessment Panel and after recommendations are made to Government by Infrastructure NSW.

Mr Barilaro said Resources for Regions is a key part of the Government's focus on creating a business environment that supports jobs, economic growth and an improved lifestyle in regional NSW.

For more information visit: www.industry.nsw.gov.au/resourcesforregions