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\$722,500 for Hunter Building the Country package

Minister for the Hunter and Member for Newcastle Jodi McKay today welcomed news that two Hunter projects would receive \$722,500 for new infrastructure projects.

“The Hunter is a big winner out of today’s announcement with two out of the three new projects being delivered in the region,” Ms McKay said.

Ms McKay said the Hunter projects to receive funding include:

- \$600,000 to Upper Hunter Shire Council to build critical infrastructure for a new industrial estate on the New England Highway at Scone.
- \$122,500 for road, water and sewerage infrastructure for a new medical centre in Gloucester.

“This injection of funds will build critical infrastructure for a new industrial estate on the New England Highway creating land for up to 90 new businesses in Scone,” she said.

“The \$1.46 million project will make a significant contribution to business growth in Scone.

“The project will also lay the groundwork for the relocation and expansion of a local veterinary practice creating 36 new jobs over the next four years.”

Ms McKay said that Hunter residents would also benefit from more than \$122,500 towards a new medical centre proposed by the Gloucester Medical Practice.

“This funding boost will be used for the relocation of the sewer and stormwater services and important road upgrades,” Ms McKay said.

“The project will secure a private sector investment of approximately \$2 million, and bring much needed new doctors to the Gloucester Shire.”

Ms McKay said that the New South Wales Government was investing around \$1.45 million in three regional towns under the Building the Country package creating around 450 new jobs.
