

FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR 26-27 FY

FUTURE WOLLONDILLY

- Wollondilly is a beautiful Shire, and one at an exciting and critical point in its growth journey. We are a focus for housing and population growth in NSW, a key link between the Illawarra and Western Sydney, and also home to productive rural lands, historic villages and extraordinary bush.
- Investing in Wollondilly's priorities will support the economic future of NSW and Australia, enabling our Shire's current and future 150,000 residents thrive.
- Wollondilly has been identified for TWO State-led growth areas, with Wilton a strategic centre soon to be home to 50,000 residents and Appin as part of Greater Macarthur.
- The majority of future housing in Wollondilly will be focused on these two State-led precincts, initially Wilton with 15,000 new homes, followed by Greater Macarthur with a further 20,000 new homes. Wollondilly is one of the few areas in NSW that continues to support much needed housing supply following the impacts from Covid.
- Our Shire as it grows will also retain the historic and natural beauty that makes it so loved by our community and a great economic and tourism asset for NSW.

INVESTING IN WOLLONDILLY PRIORITIES WILL:

DELIVER HOMES FOR THE HOUSING ACCORD

- The Macarthur Region has the capacity to deliver 120,000 homes if accompanied by supporting infrastructure. This is 10% of Australia's entire target, and 32% of NSW's contribution under the National Housing Accord. Wollondilly is a key player.

UNLOCK THE FULL OPPORTUNITY AND INVESTMENT IN WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- Wollondilly is located 35km from Western Sydney International Airport (WSIA), with the northernmost areas located only 10km from the airport site. To fully realise the opportunities of the new airport, better enabling infrastructure is required to secure efficient and safe connections to the precinct, its job and services.
- This area will be attractive for professional services including agricultural businesses, manufacturing, logistics, hospitality and education, due to increased access to overseas markets.
- Tourism opportunities will also increase, with WSIA providing easier access to Western Sydney destinations, including Wollondilly.
- Essential infrastructure such as an upgraded and expanded road network, active and public transport, telecommunications and internet coverage networks is key to maximising the opportunities that WSIA will bring to the Shire.

FUND FOR FAIRNESS, NEED, EQUITY AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- There has been over \$20 billion in infrastructure spending over the past decade in Western Sydney and \$100 billion in Eastern Sydney. With the national housing and cost of living crisis, this investment must rebalance.

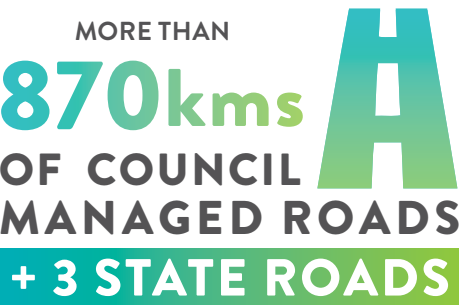
SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED DURING THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

- According to RMIT's Australian Urban Observatory, access to essential social and community infrastructure in growth areas is not the same as established suburbs in non-growth areas.
- The Liveability index score for residencies in growth areas is 97, compared to those in eastern Sydney at 101.
- Investing in infrastructure for growth areas is not without precedent. Research from Western Sydney University highlights international success stories, demonstrating how countries like the UK, The Netherlands, Germany, Canada and the USA, have successfully funded and delivered infrastructure in high-growth regions for decades. Australia can learn from these best practice examples - and do the same.
- We must work to rebalance affordable living.



WOLLONDILLY SHIRE AT A GLANCE

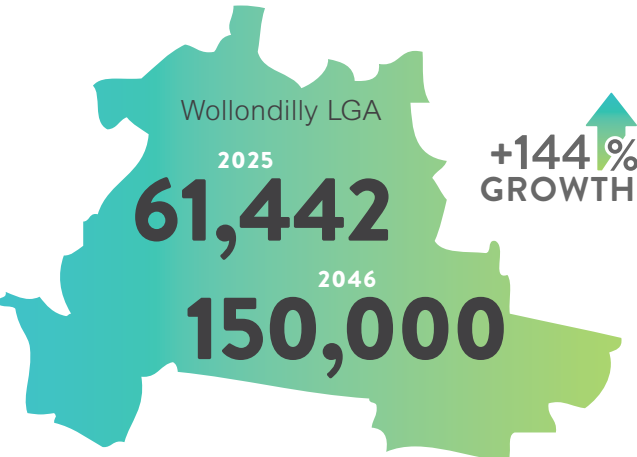
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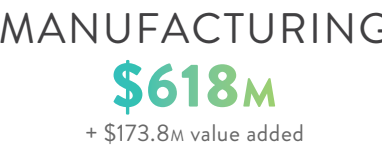
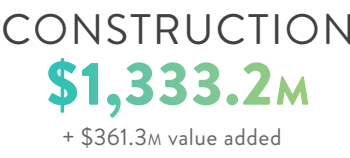
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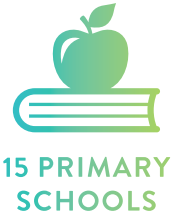
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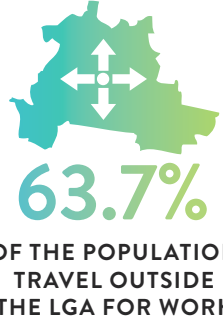
EDUCATION



HEALTH



TRANSPORT



TOURISM



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BUDGET REQUESTS

The tables below show the budget requests for Wollondilly’s priority areas as outlined in the Future Wollondilly advocacy statement.



PROJECT NAME	OUR ASK FOR 2026/7 BUDGET	FOR 2027-30	PROJECT SUMMARY AND BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY	PROJECT STATUS
Macarthur Metro (as part of full North South rail between Campbelltown and Tallawong via Bradfield)	Continued Commonwealth funding for the project and Include Budget Line item for Planning to progress station designs for the Macarthur metro.	Annual Budget allocation to enable project delivery over coming decade, commencing with corridor preservation, land acquisition, concept design and procurement for delivery.	- The project will deliver an extended metro line from Campbelltown to Bradfield via Oran Park and Narellan before 2038, and to deliver the full South-North Rail Link from Campbelltown/Macarthur to Tallawong via Bradfield. - Could generate up to \$185 billion in additional Gross Regional Product (GRP) for Macarthur by 2075. - It enables the delivery of an additional 120,000 dwellings in Macarthur to support NSW’s housing objectives. - This is 10% of Australia’s entire target, and 32% of NSW’s contribution under the National Housing Accord. - Inaction each year of delay estimated to forgo around \$8 billion in economic opportunity <i>Deloitte Report December 2025.</i>	- Business Case on Full North South Rail Link under preparation by Government. Expected early 2026. \$1B 2025 federal election commitment for investigation and land acquisition.
T8 Line city rail services extension to at least Wilton, including relocation of Campbelltown stabling yards (a.k.a. electrification of the Southern Highlands Line)	\$50M for business case, planning and investigation.	Annual Budget allocation with aim towards electrification to Wilton by 2032.	- Extend the T8 Line to at least the Wilton Growth Area, integrating Wollondilly into the Sydney Trains network. - The project would include the opportunity to relocate the stabling yard in Campbelltown CBD, to Maldon, creating potential significant housing delivery in Campbelltown and Wollondilly LGA growth areas. - Over 24,000 lots have been rezoned in Wilton and Appin with residents already moving in. - This connection is not simply a transport upgrade, it is the backbone infrastructure required to unlock Macarthur’s development potential and support its evolution into a connected, liveable and globally competitive region. - Improve community wellbeing across one of the state’s most dynamic and fastest-growing regions.	Planning and Investigation stage
Macarthur - Illawarra Link (a.k.a. the Maldon Dombarton) Rail Re-Investigation	\$10M co funding with NSW Government towards a revised business case and assessment noting the nationally significant investments in Sydney’s second airport.		- Connecting Port Kembla, enhancing rail access, efficient and capacity and open up new market opportunities to Sydney’s second airport. - Supports NSW’s economic growth by strengthening a critical international freight gateway. - The project and need is identified in <i>Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan</i>.	The project was previously rejected by Infrastructure Australia, but the context has changed with new airport developments and changes in regional industry needs.

ACCESS TO HEALTH IN WOLLONDILLY

PROJECT NAME	OUR ASK FOR 2026/7 BUDGET	FOR 2027-30	PROJECT SUMMARY AND BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY	PROJECT STATUS
Wilton Integrated Health Care Hub and Urgent Care, with space for a future Hospital	Funding to assist the NSW Government to acquire a 4-hectare site in Wilton North from Landcom or alternative landowner Includes: 1 hectare of land for construction of an integrated health care hub for construction by 2028. 3 hectares of land set aside for future hospital when needed by the government.	Funding for construction and then operation of the Wilton Integrated Health Care Hub and Urgent Care.	- Wollondilly's growing population (150,000 residents) requires access to primary and emergency health services. - The rapid regional growth, particularly in Wilton, Appin, and North Appin, will generate demand for at least 124 hospital beds (in addition to 100 required for Wilton). - Wilton's population is expected to rival or exceed that of other regional towns with hospitals, such as Wagga Wagga, Port Macquarie, and Ballina. - Over 24,000 new lots have been rezoned in Wilton and Appin with residents already moving in. - To support the 150,000 future residents of Wollondilly. - Commensurate support for the broader health network for the additional 120,000 dwellings and 300,000+ future residents in the Macarthur region. - The nearest hospitals are over 25 km away, creating a significant gap in healthcare accessibility. - Future planning must secure land now before the area is fully developed, whilst the urgent needs of a integrated health care hub with urgent care for the current population are delivered in the interim.	- The Wollondilly Health Alliance engaged the South West Sydney Public Health Unit to deliver the Wollondilly Health Needs Assessment and Recommendations Report. - It recommends: - Advocating for establishment of an integrated health care hub, with urgent care facility in Wilton and Appin. - Set land aside for expansion and creation of a future hospital, when required. - In planning for the above, consider the regional needs for health facilities as the whole of the Macarthur Region grows. - NSW Health has also conducted the Western Sydney integrated health care review which includes Wilton as a preferred location for an integrated health care facility and hub. - The land size components are based on a case study of the proposed public hospital in north west Sydney.

WOLLONDILLY ROADS

PROJECT NAME	OUR ASK FOR 2026/7 BUDGET	FOR 2027-30	PROJECT SUMMARY AND BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY	PROJECT STATUS
Picton Bypass	Budget Line item for NSW Governments Commitment to 'begin work within this term of Government.' \$100M allocation to commence construction.	Annual Budget allocation to enable project delivery by 2030 following completion of design in 2026.	- Enhances safety by reducing heavy vehicle traffic in Picton town centre. - Improves travel times and road capacity while reducing congestion. - Strengthens network resilience for emergencies and supports local growth in Wilton, Picton, Tahmoor, and Thirlmere.	- The NSW and Australian Governments have committed over \$18 million for planning of the Picton Bypass. This includes a concept design and environmental assessment to complete the Final Business Case and Planning Approval. - Field investigations commenced in October 2025. - Next Step is Detailed Design Phase
Wilton Hume Highway and Picton Road Diverging Diamond Interchange on the national significant highway	\$100M allocation to commence construction of DDI.	\$575M to construct the approved, shelf ready Diverging Diamond Interchange on the national significant highway.	- Support for the 24,000 lots, already rezoned in Wilton and Appin, we need support for infrastructure to continue housing supply. - Bingara Gorge 1,800 homes - Wilton Town Centre 1,600 Homes and 4,670 Jobs - Wilton North 5,600 and 5,500 jobs - West Wilton Industrial 861 direct jobs, 650 indirect jobs - West Wilton Residential 2,350 - Unlocks and keep Australia moving - Federal Highway (M31) - Supported as Nationally Significant - BCR 3.3 - NPV \$792M	- Supported by Infrastructure Australia. - Planning Approval received. - Land acquisition process in Q2-4 25/26 FN funded (\$70M allocated). - Awaiting construction funding to commence.

WOLLONDILLY ROADS CONTINUED...

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Douglas Park Drive	\$7-14M		- This is an Important Local Community Revitalisation and Liveability Project. - Douglas Park Drive and its retaining walls are over 130 years old. They were never designed for today's heavy modern vehicles and over time, the rock, road embankments and retaining walls have naturally deteriorated. - While Council has previously completed major works such as rock bolting, rock fall protection, drainage improvements and concrete strengthening, these repairs are not enough and more needs to be done. - Ongoing erosion, heavy rain, and the wear and wear from vehicles have contributed to the decline of the retaining wall, which is now in poor condition and could cause a catastrophic failure of the road. - Council has assessed how traffic in Douglas Park Drive will change in the future, particularly in Appin, Wilton and the southern Campbelltown corridor. - Modelling shows that new development and transport links will constantly change how people want to use Douglas Park Drive, but it will remain an important link with new connections to the M31 Hume Motorway, and servicing the people of Douglas Park and surrounds.	- Co contribution from Council for \$4M. - Council spent in excess of \$100,000 to carry out urgent repair works, with increased road closures expected.

BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO UNLOCK NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT HOUSING

PROJECT NAME	OUR ASK FOR 2026/7 BUDGET	FOR 2027-30	PROJECT SUMMARY AND BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY	PROJECT STATUS
Sydney Water upgrades to support Nationally Significant Housing Supply	Budget Line item to begin Stage 2 Bingara Gorge Water recycling plant. Cost to be supplied by Sydney Water (current EOI).		Wilton WRRF Stage 2 infrastructure will expand the water, recycled water, and sewerage infrastructure to a capacity of 8,000 dwellings, and is planned to be delivered in stages in response to growth.	- The current interim upgrade to the WRRF will raise capacity from 1 ML/d to 1.5ML/d. - This will allow treatment of properties currently serviced with interim wastewater (i.e. trucks) and currently approved developments (approx. 2,000 properties) up to December 2027 when the permanent upgrade of the WRRF is due to be commissioned (4,000 properties).(capable of servicing 8000 dwellings with appropriate effluent management expansion).



IMPORTANT LOCAL COMMUNITY REVITALISATION AND LIVEABILITY PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME	OUR ASK FOR 2026/7 BUDGET	FOR 2027-30	PROJECT SUMMARY AND BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY	PROJECT STATUS
Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program	\$1B State Government matched with \$1B Commonwealth.		With significant growth in South West and Western Sydney there is opportunity to introduce a new Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program transformational infrastructure projects across Western Sydney to support the significant growth forecast.	Advocacy Stage.
Library	\$26.4M to enable construction of the new library.		To enable the full activation of the Picton Town Centre, construction of the new library which would enable the community use area detailed planning to commence.	- Advocacy Stage and identified in the Wollondilly Local Strategic Planning Statement. - Council will contribute 4.5M to the project. - Councils Library Strategy, Picton Place Plan both map out this important community-based facility.



PROTECTING WOLLONDILLY'S UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT NAME	OUR ASK FOR 2026/7 BUDGET	FOR 2027-30	PROJECT SUMMARY AND BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY	PROJECT STATUS
Greater Macarthur – Illawarra Regional Koala Strategy	\$250K funding for a Regional Koala Plan Strategy.		5 Councils are jointly committed to undertake a Regional Koala Strategy including: Camden, Campbelltown, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly and Wollongong. - The Strategy would help balance the increasing threat from urban growth whilst protecting, restoring, and connecting critical koala habitats across the region. - The proposal aligns with Pillar 2 of the NSW Koala Strategy focuses on Supporting local communities to conserve koalas, investing in partnerships with local councils, Aboriginal groups, landholders, and community.	- Advocacy Stage. 5 Councils are jointly committed to undertake this important work, including: Camden, Campbelltown, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly and Wollongong. - The NSW Government is currently reviewing the Koala SEPP and Strategy, which commenced in 2024.
Bargo River Gorge and Nepean River National Park	Funding for planning and investigation with cultural consultation to identify the appropriate extent of land suitable for National Park status.		- A new national park will safeguard vital ecosystems, protect threatened species, and preserve Indigenous cultural heritage. - Enhancing conservation efforts will support eco-tourism, drive local economic benefits, and ensure long-term environmental sustainability.	- Ongoing advocacy by Council and the local branch of the National Parks Association (as part of the 50 parks proposal). - Formal 2019 submission to Minister for Environment with Minister site visits in 2020.



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