



MEDIA RELEASE – Putting Hume First - 2013 Federal Budget - James Harker-Mortlock – Independent for Hume – 15th May 2013

No major funding initiatives were announced for Hume in the Federal budget. Like the Liberal Party's already announced list of planned projects, the ALP's emphasis is upon urban areas and marginal seats. Voters in Hume have seen that the ALP has forgotten about Hume – whilst the Liberal Party takes Hume for granted. This is confirmation that Hume will only obtain funding for major projects with a strong independent voice arguing its case in the federal parliament. The ALP appears to be happy spend what money it has elsewhere - but not in Hume - for instance :

- a. Funding for thirty major roads projects across Australia – **but nothing for the Barton Highway full duplication or any other road project in Hume**
- b. an extra \$12.9 million for new digital initiatives to showcase the possibilities of the National Broadband Network in various regional centres such as Queanbeyan and Wagga – **but nothing for a location anywhere in Hume**
- c. the Digital Local Government (DLG) program will allow 44 eligible councils to apply for funding of up to \$412,500 (including GST) per council to encourage local governments to develop online services that make use of the capabilities of the National Broadband Network (NBN) – **not a single council in Hume is on the list**
- d. \$1.9 million to reduce the need for a majority of Indian Ocean Territory households to install satellite equipment in order to receive digital services when the analog system is switched off in the area on 25 June 2013 – **however, there does not appear to be anything to assist residents of Crookwell still unable to receive commercial free-to-air digital television less than 100ks from Canberra!**
- e. \$4.0 million in 2012-13 to support Vodafone Hutchison Australia to expand its call centre operations at Kingston in Tasmania - **but there is nothing to jump start industry in Hume**
- f. \$6.0 million to support capital works on Tasmania's Abt Railway – **but there is nothing for the Blayney to Demondrille line restoration**
- g. Funding is provided for various community infrastructure projects in marginal seats, including \$2.2m for the Crescent Head Surf Club in the electorate of Lyne – held by the independent Rob Oakeshott – **but there is nothing for Hume**

There are some good overall initiatives which hopefully will be of benefit to residents of Hume, such as :

- a. the inclusion of abatement from cropland management, grazing land management and revegetation towards Australia's commitments under the Kyoto Protocol from 1 July 2013 which will allow landholders to generate revenue under the Carbon Farming Initiative from the sale of carbon credits to liable entities,
- b. the exemption of certain payments associated with natural disasters from income tax,
- c. Canberra Hospital (used by many from Hume) will have a dedicated paediatric emergency care unit established,
- d. continuation of support for the General Practice Rural Incentives Program (GPRIP) – although the review of the classification scheme used as the basis for directing most support still needs to be released
- e. continuation of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme,
- f. the National Insurance Affordability Initiative will include flood mitigation works for Warragamba Dam,
- g. increased support for digital television coverage and community based radio,
- h. expansion of the National Telepresence System, a secure video conferencing system enabling public servants to work locally rather than travelling for meetings

Please find attached a more comprehensive listing of particular budget measures which may be of interest to residents of Hume.

Hume needs a real change – not just more of nothing from the Labor and Liberal parties!

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2013 BUDGET – ITEMS OF RELEVANCE TO HUME

AGRICULTURE

Changes to agricultural production levies

The Government has introduced or will reappropriate the following agricultural production levies and export charges to meet changes in the funding needs of the agricultural industry organisations they support:

- Olive levies: from 1 May 2013, a new research and development (R&D) levy has applied to fresh olives for processing at a rate of \$3 per tonne and a new Plant Health Australia (PHA) levy has applied to fresh olives at a rate of 10 cents per tonne.
- Potted plants levies: from 1 July 2013, the R&D levy on potted plants will decrease from 3 per cent to 2.75 per cent of the sale value of the container for potted plants and a PHA levy will be introduced at a rate of 0.25 per cent of the sale value of the container.
- Chestnut levies and export charge: from 1 July 2013, the chestnut R&D levy and export charge will decrease from \$50 to \$45 per tonne of chestnuts and a PHA levy and charge will be introduced at a rate of \$5 per tonne.

All revenue raised by these levies and charges is provided directly to fund industry membership or research and development. The Government will also continue to provide funding to match levies for R&D up to a cap, in accordance with existing co-investment arrangements.

The Government has also introduced Emergency Plant Pest Response (EPPR) levies for the above commodities as well as a corresponding charge for chestnuts. The EPPR levies and charges are initially set at a zero rate. This provides a mechanism which can be activated to recover costs incurred by the industry that are underwritten by the Commonwealth in response to emergency plant pest incidents.

Kyoto Protocol — election of additional land-based activities under the second commitment period and termination of the Non-Kyoto Carbon Fund

The Government will count abatement from cropland management, grazing land management and revegetation towards Australia's commitments under the Kyoto Protocol from 1 July 2013. As a result, the Government will issue a greater number of permits to entities liable under the carbon pricing mechanism.

The changes outlined above will allow landholders to generate revenue under the Carbon Farming Initiative from the sale of carbon credits to liable entities. As a result, there is no need to proceed with the Non-Kyoto Carbon Fund, which was scheduled to commence on 1 July 2013.

Capital gains tax — clarification of the tax treatment of native title benefits

The Government will remove the uncertainty regarding the capital gains tax (CGT) treatment of native title rights. This measure augments the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2012-13 measure Income tax — clarification of the tax treatment of native title benefits, which clarified that income tax is not payable on certain native title benefits. This measure will apply to CGT events happening on or after 1 July 2008, and clarifies that there are no CGT implications resulting from the transfer of native title rights (or the right to a native title benefit) to an Indigenous holding entity or Indigenous person, or from the creation of a trust that is an Indigenous holding entity over such rights. This measure also clarifies that capital gains or losses made from surrendering or cancelling such rights are disregarded. This measure is estimated to have a negligible cost to revenue over the forward estimates period.

Personal income tax — exempting disaster payments from income tax

The Government has made certain payments associated with natural disasters exempt from income tax. This measure is estimated to have no revenue impact over the forward estimates period.

The Government has exempted from income tax the Disaster Income Recovery Subsidy (DIRS) payments provided between 3 January 2013 and 30 September 2013. The DIRS provides financial assistance to employees, small business persons and farmers who experience a loss of income as a direct consequence of a natural disaster occurring in Australia.

The Government has also exempted from income tax ex-gratia payments to New Zealand non-protected Special Category Visa holders affected by natural disasters that occurred in 2012-13. These ex-gratia payments are equivalent to the tax-exempt Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) and assist New Zealanders who would have been eligible for the AGDRP, but for their visa status.

Farm Finance — support for farmers (announced previously)

The Government will provide a package of measures to support and assist farmers experiencing acute levels of debt and to help improve their ongoing financial resilience.

Farm Finance includes:

- the provision of up to \$420.0 million over two years in concessional loans to eligible primary production businesses for the purpose of productivity enhancements and debt refinancing from 1 July 2013;
- changes to the Farm Management Deposit (FMD) scheme to allow FMD owners to consolidate their existing accounts that have been held for longer than 12 months without triggering tax liabilities;
- increasing the non-primary production threshold for FMDs from \$65,000 to \$100,000, resulting in a reduction in estimated taxation revenue of \$13.0 million over three years from 1 July 2014;
- \$6.3 million over two years to expand the Rural Financial Counselling Service by an additional 17 full-time equivalent counsellors from 1 July 2013;
- \$0.9 million over three years for a communication campaign to increase awareness of the assistance package; and
- the development of a nationally consistent approach to farm debt mediation process across all jurisdictions, to be developed by a working group comprising federal, state and industry stakeholders.

The concessional loans program will make available up to \$30.0 million per annum for two years to each state and the Northern Territory for the provision of concessional loans to eligible farmers. Loans will be for a maximum of \$650,000 per eligible primary production business, available for a period of up to 20 years, and will be administered by an appropriate state or territory delivery agency. The interest only concessional loan component will be available for five years, and after this time the loan will revert to a market rate and recipients will also commence repaying the principal.

The fiscal balance impact includes the concessional component of the concessional loans. In accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, this is reflected as a negative impact when the loans are issued, which is reversed by a positive impact over the life of the loans. The concessional component does not impact on the underlying cash balance.

Further information can be found in the joint press release of 27 April 2013 issued by the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

National Drought Program Reform (announced previously)

The Government will provide \$99.4 million over four years for a new Farm Household Allowance under National Drought Program Reform commencing from 1 July 2014. The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) will be available to eligible farm families in periods of hardship regardless of the source of that hardship. Eligibility for support will be determined through an assessment of the farmer's existing assets, liabilities and income.

The FHA will be paid at the Newstart Allowance rate and will be available to eligible recipients for a maximum period of three years, with the flexibility to come on and off the payment until the maximum period is reached. A condition of receiving the FHA will be completion of individually tailored reciprocal obligations targeted at assisting farmers to better manage their individual situation in the future. Reciprocal obligations could include training or development activities, both on-farm and off-farm, seeking professional advice or succession planning. This payment will replace the existing Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment and the Transitional Farm Family Payment from 1 July 2014.

National Drought Program Reform will be delivered in cooperation with state and territory governments. The reform will assist farm families during difficult times, improve farmer preparedness for future challenges including droughts and other variable climatic and business conditions and help farmers to become more self-reliant. The reform also includes the following elements:

- continuation of Farm Management Deposits and taxation measures such as current primary producer taxation concessions that support and assist farmer risk management;
- a national approach to the provision of farm business training through a standardised Vocational Education and Training accredited skill set developed by AgriFood Skills Australia and key members of the farming and training sector and delivered through the Vocational Education and Training system by registered training organisations;
- a coordinated, collaborative approach to the provision of social support services that aims to ensure that people receive support before reaching a crisis point; and
- tools and technologies to inform farmer's risk-management decision making including examining ways to improve the provision of information to farmers.

National Produce Monitoring System — pilot

The Government will provide \$25.4 million over five years to develop a pilot National Produce Monitoring program to identify risks associated with the use of agricultural chemicals and veterinary medicines that are currently not being assessed. The program will complement and better integrate existing private and public monitoring activities and specifically address gaps in existing monitoring systems for food sold for consumption.

This pilot forms part of a wider regulatory framework for agricultural chemicals and veterinary medicines being developed with the states and territories.

Plant and Animal Health — reduced funding

The Government will achieve savings of \$2.0 million over four years through efficiencies in the Plant and Animal Health program. The program supports access to overseas markets and protects the environment and economy from plant and animal disease threats. The savings will be achieved with minimal impact on the delivery of the program's core activities. Funding of \$194.3 million over four years will remain available under the program to support the delivery of the program's objectives.

COMMUNICATIONS

Australian Broadcasting Corporation — continuation of Enhanced News Services

The Government will provide \$69.4 million over four years (including \$1.8 million in capital funding in 2013-14) to enable the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to place more journalists outside metropolitan cities, introduce youth-focussed current affairs programming and expand regional participation in its programming.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Special Broadcasting Service Corporation digital television services — increased coverage

The Government will provide funding from 2013-14 to increase the terrestrial coverage of digital television services of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation to an additional 39 areas in regional Australia ensuring that viewers in these areas are able to receive the full range of free-to-air digital multi-channels. Funding will also be provided to convert up to 54 self-help television transmission services currently managed and paid for by the local community to instead be fully managed services under the national broadcasters' networks.

The cost of this measure is not for publication (nfp) to protect the broadcasters' position in any future negotiations with service providers.

The cost of this measure has been offset by a provision to support Australia's transition from analog to digital television previously included in the Contingency Reserve.

Creative Australia — community based radio services (previously announced)

The Government will provide \$5.4 million over five years to assist the production and transmission of community radio.

This includes funding of \$2.7 million over four years to provide subsidised site access for 20 community groups that operate FM radio services and one-off funding to assist up to 1,261 self-help community radio retransmission sites to upgrade satellite reception equipment, so that these radio services can continue to be rebroadcast on the Viewer Access Satellite Television service.

It also includes funding of \$2.7 million over four years to continue operation of the Australian Music Radio Airplay Project.

The Australia Music Radio Airplay Project provides regular and targeted distribution of new Australian music to community radio stations via CD mailouts and an online music catalogue, and produces and distributes radio content that promotes Australian music.

Further information can be found in the Creative Australia policy statement released on 13 March 2013 by the then Minister for the Arts.

Digital enterprises — additional funding

The Government will provide an additional \$7.2 million over three years to improve the capacity of small businesses and not-for-profit organisations to engage in the digital economy and take advantage of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

This measure expands the Digital Enterprise program from the existing 40 locations to an additional 20 regional rollout sites consistent with the NBN rollout plan. It will also establish a virtual digital enterprise service to support businesses and not-for-profit organisations operating in remote Australia, particularly organisations in remote Indigenous communities, to harness the opportunities of the digital economy.

This measure builds on the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2011-12* measure titled *Digital Productivity — digital enterprises*.

Digital local governments — additional funding

The Government will provide an additional \$5.7 million over two years to expand the support available to local government organisations to develop online services to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their service delivery by taking advantage of the bandwidth and high data capacity of the National Broadband Network (NBN). This measure expands the Digital Local Government program from the existing 40 councils to an additional 15 local councils consistent with the NBN rollout plan.

This measure builds on the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2011-12* measure titled *Digital Productivity — Digital Communities — Digital hubs, Local Government and Community Engagement*.

Digital Television Switchover — Household Assistance Scheme — redirection of funding

The Government will redirect \$10.0 million of funds from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy's Household Assistance Scheme from 2012-13 to the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS).

This funding, which was not required in 2012-13, will be redirected over five years from 2012-13 to meet the increased costs of content acquisition for the SBS. The continued roll out of the Household Assistance Scheme will be unaffected by the redirection.

Digital Television Switchover — savings

The Government will provide \$1.9 million to the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport to upgrade, from analog to digital, existing terrestrial retransmission facilities that provide free-to-air television services in the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT). This will reduce the need for a majority of IOT households to install satellite equipment in order to receive digital services when the analog system is switched off in the area on 25 June 2013. Savings will be achieved through a reduced requirement for assistance under the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy's Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme — continuation

The Government will provide \$2.5 million to continue the Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme (Scheme) for a further year.

The Scheme provides subsidies of up to 85 per cent of the cost of a satellite phone, to a maximum of \$1,000, for people who live in areas without terrestrial mobile coverage and a 50 per cent subsidy, to a maximum of \$700, for individuals who work in or travel to areas without mobile coverage for significant periods of time.

Ongoing funding for the Scheme will be subject to a review during 2013-14, with the outcomes of the review to be considered in the 2014-15 Budget.

Untimed Local Calls in the Extended Zones — continuation

The Government will continue to provide customers in the extended zones, which are outside standard local call charging areas and are predominately located in rural and remote Australia, with access to untimed local calls. Section 107 of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Services Standards) Act 1999* requires regulations or other arrangements to be in place to provide customers in the extended zones with access to untimed local calls. The costs will be met primarily through an increase in the Telecommunications Industry Levy.

The estimated costs and revenue offset is not for publication (nfp) so as not to prejudice negotiations between the Government and the telecommunications sector over provision of this service.

EDUCATION

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000 — extension

The Government will provide \$800.0 million over six years to extend funding for programs previously funded under the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* (IETA). These programs provide targeted financial assistance to advance the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. From 1 January 2014, programs previously funded under IETA will move to an annual appropriation. This will provide greater transparency of funding available for Indigenous schools programs.

Funded programs include:

- Indigenous Boarding Facilities;
- Indigenous Youth Leadership Program;
- Indigenous Youth Mobility Program;
- Parental and Community Engagement;
- Schools Nutrition Program;
- Sporting Chance Program;
- Student Education Trusts — Cape York Institute Welfare Reform Trial; and

- Teach Remote Stage 2.

Provision for this funding has already been included in the forward estimates.

Indigenous Education Scholarships — additional funding

The Government will provide \$21.9 million over five years to provide for Indigenous education scholarships delivered through the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) and the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP).

The Government will provide \$10.0 million in 2012-13 to the AIEF. The AIEF supports Indigenous children in financial need to build a future through quality education and career pathways at Australia's leading schools, universities and companies. Funding will support the provision of scholarships and a program that connects year 12 school leavers with future education and employment opportunities.

The Government will also provide \$11.9 million over four years for the IYLP to provide scholarships to students entering Years 7, 8 and 11 in 2013 and 2014, recognising that these are key transition years for engaging students. This measure also varies the 2012-13 Budget measure titled *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory — Indigenous Youth Leadership Program — suspension* which targeted students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples — extension

The Government will provide \$15.0 million over three years from 2014-15 in continued funding to the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. This will enable the Congress to effectively represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to provide a vehicle for engagement and consultation on government policy and processes.

This measure builds on the 2010-11 Budget measure titled *National Congress of Australia's First Peoples — establishment* which included funding for 2013-14.

GOVERNMENT DECENTRALISATION

National Telepresence System — increased capacity

The Government will provide \$19.3 million over five years (including capital funding of \$4.2 million in 2012-13 and \$3.3 million in 2013-14) to increase the size of the National Telepresence System, which is a high-definition and secure video conferencing system connecting Commonwealth offices around the country, with further links to State and Territory facilities. This expansion will increase the number of concurrent meetings able to be held and the number of locations which can be connected to a meeting. This will reduce the need for public sector travel for meetings.

Funding for the establishment of the system was provided in the *Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2008-09*.

HEALTH

Canberra Hospital — dedicated paediatric emergency care

The Government will contribute \$5.0 million to the Australian Capital Territory in 2014-15 towards the development of a dedicated service for children within the Emergency Department of the Canberra Hospital. This will help streamline and better coordinate paediatric emergency and inpatient services for around 15,000 children per year.

The ACT Government will contribute the remaining establishment costs and fund the recurrent resourcing requirements for this initiative.

General Practice Rural Incentives Program — additional funding

The Government will provide \$33.8 million in 2013-14 to continue to support the General Practice Rural Incentives Program (GPRIP) which provides relocation and retention incentive payments to encourage medical practitioners to work in rural, regional and remote areas.

The GPRIP was introduced in the 2009-10 Budget measure *Rural Health Workforce Strategy* and received additional funding through the 2012-13 Budget measure *General Practice Rural Incentives Program—additional funding*.

The cost of this measure will be met by redirecting \$20.0 million in funding from Health Workforce Australia and \$13.8 million will be absorbed from within other health workforce capacity programs administered by the Department of Health and Ageing.

See also the related expense measure titled *Health Workforce Australia—rationalisation*.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Nation Building Program — Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program — additional funding

The Government will provide an additional \$10.0 million in 2013-14 for projects under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program. The Program funds projects aimed at improving safety and productivity of the heavy vehicle industry through the construction of rest stops and parking bays, upgrading the capacity of roads (including bridges) and technology trials which will improve heavy vehicle productivity. The projects eligible for assistance have been extended to include livestock transport.

Nation Building Program — next phase

The Government will also provide funding from 2014-15 to 2018-19 for new projects under the Nation Building Program including:

- Ramp Metering (Australian Capital Territory);
- Port Botany Upgrades Program (New South Wales);
- F3 Productivity Package (New South Wales);
- New England Highway Bolivia Hill Realignment (New South Wales);
- Scone Level Crossing (New South Wales);
- Mt Ousley Upgrades (New South Wales);
- Sydney Motorways Program — M4 and M5 extension (New South Wales);
- Sydney Motorways Program — F3 to M2 (New South Wales);
- Tiger Brennan Drive Duplication (Northern Territory);
- Regional Roads Productivity Package (Northern Territory);
- Bruce Highway (Queensland);
- Gateway Upgrade North (Queensland);
- Brisbane Cross River Rail (Queensland);
- Ipswich Motorway — Rocklea to Darra (Queensland);
- Warrego Highway — upgrades (Queensland);
- Managed Motorways — South Eastern Freeway (South Australia);
- Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands — road upgrades (South Australia);

- South Road Upgrade (South Australia);
- Tonsley Park Public Transport Project (South Australia);
- Midland Highway (Tasmania);
- Freight Rail Revitalisation (Tasmania);
- Brooker Highway — Elwick-Goodwood and Howard Roads (Tasmania);
- Huon Highway/Summerleas Road Intersection Upgrade (Tasmania);
- Domain Highway Planning (Tasmania);
- Managed Motorways — High Street to Warrigal Road (Victoria);
- Managed Motorways — Warrigal Road to Clyde Road (Victoria);
- Melbourne Metro (Victoria);
- M80 (Victoria);
- Ballarat Freight Hub (Victoria);
- Swan Valley Bypass (Western Australia);
- Great Northern Highway — Muchea to Wubin (Western Australia);
- North West Coastal Highway — Minilya to Barradale (Western Australia);
- Leach Highway (High Street) (Western Australia);
- Perth Public Transport Package (Western Australia);
- Tonkin Highway — grade separations (Western Australia);
- Gateway WA (Western Australia); and
- Australian Rail Track Corporation — Advanced Train Management System Phase 1.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Murray-Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Program

The Government will provide \$100.0 million over five years from 2012-13 for the *Murray-Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification* program.

The program will provide grants to assist those communities that are most affected by the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The program will comprise two streams of funding designed to support community driven regional economic diversification projects and building diversification opportunities.

The cost of this measure will be met through a reallocation of \$100.0 million from the *Strengthening Basin Communities* program in the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

Departmental funding of \$2.3 million will be provided from within the \$100.0 million provided to the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport to administer the program.

Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative — reduced funding

The Government will reduce funding by \$22.9 million under the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative due to slower than expected take up.

The remaining program funding of \$16.8 million in 2013-14 will continue to be available for the repair of uncontrolled artesian bores and the replacement of open bore drains with piped reticulation systems in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Water for the Future — urban water programs — reduced funding

The Government will reduce funding by \$9.6 million over two years from 2012-13 under the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan (\$4.4 million in 2012-13 and \$2.2 million in 2013-14), the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns (\$2.7 million in 2012-13) and Water Smart Australia (\$0.3 million in 2012-13).

The remaining funding of \$298.7 million over four years from 2012-13 (\$195.3 million over four years for the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan, \$94.7 million over four years for the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns and \$8.7 million in 2012-13 for Water Smart Australia) will continue to be available for projects which meet the objectives of the urban water programs.

National Insurance Affordability Initiative — commencement and initial projects

The Government will invest \$100 million over two years to reduce flood risk and bring about real reductions in insurance premiums. The National Insurance Affordability Initiative will invest \$50 million a year in targeted flood and other natural disaster mitigation measures, as well as establish a National Insurance Affordability Council (NIAC).

The NIAC will play a role in the national coordination of flood risk management, ensuring that the needs of industry and consumers of insurance are met, and make recommendations to the Government on flood and other natural disaster mitigation projects.

The Government has identified three priority areas of work for the NIAC. These are a \$7 million contribution to building the Roma levee and \$10 million to upgrade flood defences in Ipswich, as well as an anticipated contribution of \$50 million towards any NSW Government flood mitigation works in respect of the Warragamba Dam. Amounts not already committed under the initiative will be allocated to projects consistent with this initiative.