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NSW Budget Invests in a Better Future for Sydney

Duty Labor MLC for Sydney Penny Sharpe today announced the NSW Budget will deliver major investment in jobs, infrastructure and essential frontline services for the Sydney community.

“The NSW Government is investing in a better future for Sydney families,” Ms Sharpe said.

“This shows the NSW Government’s commitment to providing jobs and economic stimulus for Sydney, and for NSW.

“This is a big win for the Sydney community, with projects including:

- Funding to upgrade prisoner handling facilities at Surry Hills Police Station as part of a \$18.8 million program over 4 years;
- \$26 million for maintenance and upgrades of the Sydney road network, including \$1.4 million for road resurfacing along the Bradfield Highway just north of the Sydney Harbour Bridge;
- \$28.4 million for rail maintenance and capital works, including station refurbishments, as well as track maintenance to ensure a smoother ride for passengers;
- \$16.3 million for upgrade and other capital works at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour;
- \$1.321 million for continued upgrade of facilities at Ultimo TAFE;
- \$8.7 million for upgrades to heritage buildings in The Rocks;
- \$4.2 million for charter vessel wharf upgrade Circular Quay;
- \$2.2 million for design, delivery, erection and commissioning of an aerobridge gangway for the Overseas Passenger Terminal; and
- \$968, 000 for 11 Clinical Support Officers for St Vincent’s Hospital to enable doctors and nurses to spend less time on paperwork and more time caring for patients; and
- \$352 000 for 4 Clinical Support Officers for Sydney Eye Hospital to enable doctors and nurses to spend less time on paperwork and more time caring for patients.

“This means jobs for local tradesmen, opportunities for working families, and stimulus for the NSW economy.”

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal said this year’s Budget invests in jobs to build a better future for NSW.

“The NSW Government is building for the future in local communities despite the tough economic times.

“\$62.9 billion is being invested across NSW over the next four years in the biggest building program in our State’s history supporting up to 160,000 jobs.

“This is a major stimulus which invests in the future of our economy.”