



AGEING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

\$821 million for ageing and disability services in rural and regional NSW

3 June 2008

Rural and regional NSW will receive **\$821 million in 2008/09** for programs supporting people with a disability, their families, their carers and older people.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally, said today that **rural and regional NSW will receive more than 46 per cent of the \$2.024 billion** of disability and ageing services to be delivered by the Lemma Government in 2008/09.

"The Lemma Government has **increased funding for regional and rural services** to people with disabilities and the frail aged **by a significant 7.5 percent in 2008/09**," Ms Keneally said.

"This will fund continued increases in services to regional and rural NSW such as therapy, respite, supported accommodation, case management and post-school programs, as well as the development of new and innovative programs.

"2008/09 is the third year of the Lemma Government's historic reshaping of the sector under its 10-year *Stronger Together* strategy, which will deliver an extra \$1.3 billion in funding over its first five years."

Ms Keneally gave a regional breakdown of 2008/09 funding for NSW disability programs and services, as well as funding allocated for Home and Community Care (HACC) services which help frail older people and people with a disability maintain their independence:

- **In the Riverina Murray:** more than \$36 million for disability programs and services and a further \$22 million for HACC services;
- **In the Far West:** more than \$23 million for disability programs and services and a further \$14 million for HACC services;
- **In the Central West:** more than \$36 million for disability programs and services and a further \$14 million for HACC services;
- **On the Far North Coast:** more than \$57 million for disability programs and services and a further \$24 million for HACC services;
- **In New England:** more than \$30 million for disability programs and services and a further \$15 million for HACC services;
- **On the Mid-North Coast:** more than \$42 million for disability programs and services and a further \$27 million for HACC services;

- **In the Illawarra:** more than \$68 million for disability programs and services and a further \$28 million for HACC services;
- **In the Southern Highlands:** more than \$42 million for disability programs and services and a further \$16 million for HACC services;
- **In the Hunter:** more than \$199 million for disability programs and services and a further \$43 million for HACC services; and
- **On the Central Coast:** more than \$49 million for disability programs and services and a further \$26 million for HACC services;

"The Iemma Government is following through on its commitment to care for some of NSW's most vulnerable people," Ms Keneally said.

"We have sought to provide the additional funding needed under *Stronger Together* to make an impact on service levels immediately while planning for long-term, sustainable changes that will deliver a more flexible, efficient, transparent and fairer system.

"The immediate impact has been the delivery of more respite places, more therapy places, more places in programs aimed at providing people with the skills and support to get more out of life, and more support for families."

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\$75.8 million for ageing and disability services on the Central Coast

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Older people, people with a disability, their families and carers living on the **Central Coast** are set to benefit from the Lemma Government's allocation of an estimated **\$75.8 million** to fund support services and programs in the region in 2008/09.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally, said the massive investment reflects Labor's spending and policy priorities outlined by the Premier in *Stronger Together*, and recently endorsed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

"This budget demonstrates the Lemma Government's commitment to ensuring the Central Coast has specialist and mainstream services to respond to the needs of people with a disability, their families, their carers, and older people," Ms Keneally said.

"In 2008/09, an estimated **\$49.3 million** will be spent on disability services on the **Central Coast** in addition to **\$26.5 million** which will be spent on Home and Community Care services (HACC) in the region, to assist frail older people and people with a disability to live independently in their community."

Ms Keneally said the budget includes two major Central Coast projects providing specialist aged care and community based home accommodation to cater for people with disabilities.

"A 100-bed centre on a greenfields site at Hamlyn Terrace will be the first in NSW built specifically for people with disabilities," Ms Keneally said.

"And in addition, four residential homes each offering five bedrooms for 20 younger people with disabilities will be built on a half hectare site at Wadalba, catering for the needs of people with disabilities who have the potential to live more independently."

Ms Keneally said that the Lemma Government will also deliver for the Central Coast:

- \$13.9 million for **major capital projects**;
- \$1.1 million for **supported accommodation**;
- \$400,000 for 6 extra **attendant care places**;
- \$300,000 for **respite services**;
- \$200,000 to **prevent young people entering nursing homes**;
- \$200,000 for **therapy services**.

"This budget strengthens the NSW Government's ability to build better service systems to support people with a disability, older people and their carers," Ms Keneally said.



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**\$460.9m for ageing and disability services in
Western Sydney**

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Older people, people with a disability, their families and carers living in **Western Sydney** will benefit from the Lemna Government's allocation of an estimated **\$460.9 million in 2008/09** to fund support services and programs.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally, today said the massive investment reflects Labor's spending and policy priorities outlined by the Premier in *Stronger Together*, and recently endorsed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

"This budget demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to ensuring **Western Sydney** has specialist and mainstream services to respond to the needs of people with a disability, older people and their carers," Ms Keneally said.

"An estimated **\$349.9 million** will be spent on disability services in Western Sydney and a further **\$111 million** will be spent on Home and Community Care services (HACC) in the region, to assist frail older people and people with a disability to live independently in the community."

Ms Keneally outlined some of the key areas of expenditure for Western Sydney disability and ageing services in 2008/09.

"At Summer Hill, the **new \$7.71 million Grosvenor Centre will** provide modern accommodation for 20 people with a disability in two specially designed 10 bed houses, and 10 respite places in two five bed houses for people with complex health care needs," Ms Keneally said.

"The new centre, which replaces an old building on the site, and which complements the 10-bed respite facility opened early in 2007 on the site of the former Mannix Centre at Liverpool, is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

"New accommodation for the residents of the **Lachlan Centre**, on the grounds of the Macquarie Hospital in North Ryde, will be provided in a small cluster of homes on site.

"The Lachlan Centre has been providing support for people with a disability for many years. Currently 49 people live at the centre, and their living environment will be significantly improved when the new centre opens in mid 2010.

"And a **\$1.24 million autism-specific child-care centre** is to be built in Western Sydney as part of a \$6 million package to give children with autism the best possible start in life.

"The child care centre, to be operated by AEIOU, will be based on centres operating in Queensland that have had proven results in helping children with autism to transition into mainstream schools."

Ms Keneally said that Lemma Government will also deliver for **Western Sydney**:

- \$14.9 million for **supported accommodation**;
- \$4.8 million for **major capital projects**;
- \$2.4 million to **prevent younger people entering nursing homes**;
- \$1.8 million to **provide an extra 23 attendant care places**;
- \$1.7 million for **respite services**; and
- \$1.0 million for **therapy services**.

“This budget strengthens the NSW Government’s ability to build better service systems which support people with a disability, older people and their carers,” Ms Keneally said.

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\$243.2 million for Hunter ageing and disability services

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Older people, people with a disability, their families and carers living in the **Hunter** are set to benefit from the Lemna Government's allocation of an estimated **\$243.2 million** to fund support services and programs in the region in the 2008/09 NSW budget.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally, said the massive investment reflects Labor's spending and policy priorities outlined by the Premier in *Stronger Together*, and recently endorsed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

"The budget demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to ensuring the **Hunter** has specialist and mainstream services to respond to the needs of people with a disability, older people and their carers," Ms Keneally said.

"An estimated **\$199.6 million** will be spent on disability services in the Hunter and a further **\$43.6 million** will be spent on Home and Community Care services (HACC), assisting frail older people and people with a disability to live independently in their community."

Ms Keneally said that the **Hunter** will also receive:

- \$5.8 million for supported accommodation;
- \$1.3 million in major capital projects;
- \$800,000 for an extra 11 attendant care places;
- \$600,000 for provide respite services;
- \$600,000 to provide therapy services; and
- \$500,000 to prevent young people entering nursing homes.

"This budget strengthens the NSW Government's ability to build better service systems to support people with a disability, older people and their carers," Ms Keneally said.

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\$97.3 million for Illawarra ageing and disability services

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Older people, people with a disability, their families and carers living in the **Illawarra** are set to benefit from the Lemna Government's allocation of an estimated **\$97.3 million** to fund support services and programs in the region in the 2008/09 NSW budget.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally, said the massive investment reflects Labor's spending and policy priorities outlined by the Premier in *Stronger Together*, and recently endorsed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

"The budget demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to ensuring the **Illawarra** has specialist and mainstream services to respond to the needs of people with a disability, older people and their carers," Ms Keneally said.

"An estimated **\$68.4 million** will be spent on disability services in the **Illawarra region** and a further **\$28.9 million** will be spent on Home and Community Care (HACC) services, to assist frail older people and people with a disability to live independently in the community."

Ms Keneally said that people living in the **Illawarra** region would share in new state wide funding of:

- \$1.5 million for supported accommodation;
- \$400,000 for extra respite services;
- \$300,000 to prevent younger people entering nursing homes;
- \$300,000 to provide an extra 4 attendant care places; and
- \$100,000 for therapy services.

"This budget strengthens the NSW Government's ability to build better service systems to support people with a disability, older people and their carers," Ms Keneally said.

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