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Budget - Good for the State, Could be Better for Lake Macquarie

Member for Lake Macquarie, Greg Piper, sees today's budget as being good for the state and delivering benefits to Lake Macquarie.

He is also disappointed that there isn't a greater investment in public transport.

The budget delivers over \$7.5m for 34 new dwellings for the Department of Housing as well as funding to complete 29 already under construction.

"I welcome the announcement of additional capacity for the Department of Housing and look forward to seeing the work finished," said Mr Piper. "I am keen to cooperate with the department to deliver these and more much-needed housing services."

The other major benefit in the budget is the commitment of \$2.6m of the total \$3m needed for a bus interchange and 90 parking spaces at Morisset Station.

"These facilities are long overdue and there is a need for more investment in public transport," said Mr Piper. "With the cost of petrol going up more people are choosing to commute by train."

In his capacity of Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Mr Piper welcomed the allocation of funds for new premises for the Lake Macquarie Police Command, but is disappointed that there is still no full funding for the much-needed transport interchange at Glendale.