



Greg Piper MP

Member for Lake Macquarie



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Greg Piper Comments on 2009-10 Budget

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has responded to today's budget with cautious optimism.

"The budget has delivered some major capital projects for the Lake Macquarie electorate and confirmed funding for projects that have already been announced or commenced," said Mr Piper. "It has also failed to deliver some important infrastructure."

According to Mr Piper the key budget items for the electorate are:

EDUCATION

A new gymnasium for Morisset High School
A new hall for Biddibah Public School at Lakelands
Replacement of demountables at Jilliby Public School
\$578,000 in upgrades of school properties

ROADS A total of \$14.3m including:

Confirmed funding for a new roundabout at Dorrington Road, Rathmines
New traffic lights at Toronto Road and Enterprise Way, Woodrising
New traffic lights at Sparkes Road and F3, Warnervale

TRANSPORT

Continuation of carpark expansion and bus and taxi interchange at Morisset.

HOUSING

\$3.87m for 29 new homes at Toronto and 18 new homes at Booragul.

DISABILITIES

New housing for 21 people \$5.3m
Access to Toronto Courthouse \$400,000
Sailability Jetty and pontoon at Toronto \$50,000

ENERGY and WATER

Substation and sewer projects to continue.

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“The budget has overlooked the benefit from the combined Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange and Pennant St Bridge at Glendale,” said Mr Piper. “An investment of \$80m would have a significant multiplier effect, generating huge economic returns and providing an estimated 4,600 new jobs.”

“The budget has been shared across the electorate,” added Mr Piper. “We will also benefit from many state-wide and regional programs, including health services at John Hunter and Wyong hospitals.”

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