

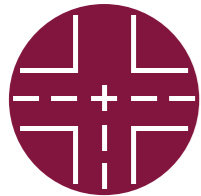


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GREATER CESSNOCK

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Cessnock City Council is calling for support and investment in 10 key infrastructure priorities that will transform Greater Cessnock.



PRIORITY 1

Renewal of the local road network

We want a road network that meets the needs of the growing Cessnock community. As we experience growth in development, population and an increase in travel demand our current network is no longer viable.

All levels of government need to invest in upgrading our local roads. Council requires:

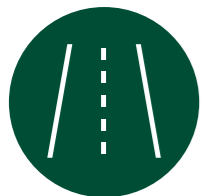
- **\$27 million** to repair condition 5 roads and
- **\$97 million** to repair condition 4 roads to an acceptable standard.



PRIORITY 2

Planning the Cessnock CBD Bypass

\$1 million is required to develop concept plans for the Cessnock CBD Bypass that will ensure traffic moves efficiently throughout the city. Planning for a northern and southern CBD bypass will be critical to addressing increasing vehicles in our CBD. This is an exciting opportunity to plan ahead and future proof our city.



PRIORITY 3

Upgrading Wollombi Road between Bellbird and Cessnock

We've identified a significant opportunity to deliver a **\$45 million** to upgrade Wollombi Road between Bellbird and Cessnock. This would transform the road to a four lane, two way corridor with signalisation at selected intersections. A large investment in anticipation for the increased traffic volumes this road is expected to experience in the future



PRIORITY 4

Netball precinct at Booth Park, Kurri Kurri

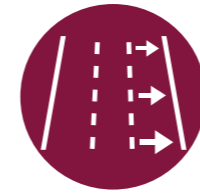
We have a unique opportunity to transform netball in the Cessnock Local Government Area with the creation of a **\$7.5 million** purpose built netball precinct at Booth Park, Kurri Kurri. The facility would feature eight floodlit netball courts, car parking, change rooms, canteen, storage rooms and accessible toilets. Let's increase female participation in sport!



PRIORITY 5

Upgrading Maitland Road between Cessnock and East Cessnock Public School

A **\$17 million** upgrade of Maitland Road between Cessnock and East Cessnock Public School will ensure this busy road can support the growing traffic volumes. The upgrade would see the construction of a four lane, two way corridor.



PRIORITY 6

Widening Main Road between Cliftleigh and Kurri Kurri CBD

A **\$20 million** investment in creating an expedient connection between Maitland and Kurri Kurri. This can be achieved by widening Main Road to four lanes between Cliftleigh and Kurri Kurri, as identified in the Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy. This upgrade will improve the connection to the Hunter Expressway, reduce commute times and improve safety.



PRIORITY 7

Richmond Vale Rail Trail Construction

The Richmond Vale Rail Trail project is a 32 kilometre cycling and walking track along the former Richmond Vale rail line between Kurri Kurri and Hexham. The trail is located along the former Chichester to Newcastle water pipeline between Shortland and Tarro, and through the Hunter Wetlands National Park. The trails is estimated to cost **\$25 million** and is expected to have significant economic benefits for the region. It's anticipated the trail will attract 367,000 overnight stays from cycling tourists who will spend **\$69 million** in the Hunter each year.

Support us to generate more employment, health and social benefits.



PRIORITY 8

Richmond Main legacy mining site remediation

We're proud of our mining history but must address legacy mining issues. Support our recovery with an **\$8 million** investment in the Richmond Main site to restore heritage buildings. The site, owned by Council, operated as a colliery between 1888 and 1967 and is now a heritage mining tourist attraction thanks to Richmond Main Preservation Society. Unfortunately the site is heavily constrained due to contamination and safety issues. Investing in this site would unlock a unique visitor experience.



PRIORITY 9

Hart Road Interchange Northern Ramps Construction

\$20 million is required to construct northern ramps at the Hunter Expressway Hart Road Interchange. This economic enabling infrastructure will allow the commercial and residential development planned at the Former Kurri Kurri Hydro Aluminium Smelter to service the Upper and Lower Hunter, accelerating the creation of 6,900 full time permanent jobs.



PRIORITY 10

Upgrade Old Maitland Road at Sawyers Gully

This **\$10 million** infrastructure project will improve road safety and reduce commute times by straightening 21 bends and sealing the road surface. The upgrade of Old Maitland Road is vital to achieving the communities preferred 2041 road network by providing a faster road link to Rutherford and the Hunter Expressway.

Benefits in supporting the growth of Greater Cessnock

1. 1,200+ new residents each year that will contribute to the Hunter economy
2. 700+ houses built every year
3. \$2 billion in annual regional exports
4. \$3.6 billion in annual goods transported
5. 5,000 jobs created by 2036
6. Over 500 women in sport supported
7. 1,157 jobs supported during construction
8. 608,000 commute hours saved each year
9. Boost safety on local roads
10. 1,053,000 visitors safely reaching our LGA and experiencing all we have to offer.

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