


PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

2019 NSW Election Advocacy Priorities



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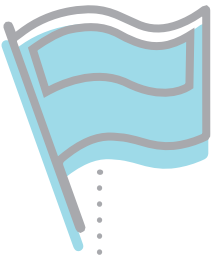
1 Critical drainage works affecting Williamtown aerospace precinct

Seek a commitment to support the critically important drainage works in and around Newcastle Airport, Williamtown.

(\$ \$4 million

- (?) 1. To significantly improve the drainage of water out of Williamtown to alleviate significant land use constraints.
- 2. To unlock the potential of land surrounding Newcastle Airport, driving Aerospace investment, innovation and 6,000 jobs in Port Stephens.

6,000 jobs
IN PORT STEPHENS



2 Birubi Point Tourism Interchange

Seek a commitment to fund the construction of a purpose built tourism interchange at Gan Gan Road, Anna Bay. This will centralise congested traffic, whilst maintaining the high value tourism and Aboriginal cultural elements of this unique space.

(\$ \$6 million

- (?) The sand dunes ecosystem in Port Stephens is one of the great wonders of Australia's natural landscape. It has, in turn, led to tens of thousands of interstate and international visitors descending on the gateway to the Worimi Conservation Lands to take part in nature-based adventure tourism.

Whilst this is a great success story, further growth will require significant infrastructure improvements. Without this support, congestion will make it impossible to maintain both a sustainable business and Aboriginal cultural values.

Support tourism and culture

CREATING SUSTAINABILITY BETWEEN TOURISM AND INDIGENOUS CULTURAL VALUES





3 Kings Hill urban development

Seek a commitment to assist Council and landowners to implement the Kings Hill urban release area, delivering approximately 4,000 dwellings – 40 per cent of Port Stephens' entire additional housing requirements.

(\$) \$36 million for highway interchange

(?) Port Stephens' largest town, Raymond Terrace, is a centre of strategic importance across virtually every metric. Its population growth targets and commercial/retail future relies almost entirely on a substantial increase in available affordable housing. The Kings Hill urban release area is currently the only viable solution to this significant challenge.

4,000 new
homes

MEANS MORE
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING



4 Town centre rejuvenation

Seek support and funding opportunities to complement Council's financial commitment to invest in and rejuvenate the town centres of Port Stephens.

(\$) \$25 million to complement Council's \$25 million investment

(?) Several of Port Stephens' iconic towns have seen little investment for a number of years. Port Stephens Council has committed to investing heavily to rectify this situation, including applying for a special rate variation to fund a multi-million dollar overhaul to activate town centres.

Drive Port
Stephens'
economy

BY ACTIVATING
TOWN CENTRES

Support is sought from the State Government to help build on this momentum and invest in tourism infrastructure, wayfinding signage and public domain enhancements that will drive private investment, as well as investment in infrastructure, the visitor economy and the retail sector.





5 Major investment in key roads

Seek firm commitment and funding for:

1. A dual carriageway for Nelson Bay Road
2. Vital link road from Fingal Bay to Nelson Bay
3. Cabbage Tree Rd/Tomago Rd duplication

Reduce traffic issues

ALTERNATE ROUTES AND REDUCE SAFETY ISSUES



1. \$100+ million for next stage
2. \$90 million
3. \$100+ million



1. Earmarked for significant growth both in terms of holiday makers and permanent residents, the realisation of Nelson Bay's potential is constrained by this largely single lane State road.
2. This road will provide vital alternate access for the local community in times of natural emergency, significantly reduce traffic and safety issues and provide greater access to Tomaree National Park.
3. The long awaited extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway will provide a critical link between Sydney, the Hunter and beyond. Traffic from an expanded Newcastle Airport and Williamstown/Tomago industrial areas will grow exponentially, requiring this strategic upgrade.



6 Tomaree Sports Complex

Seek funding support for a high class, multi-functional sports complex that will cater for local, regional and national sporting organisations and events.

Multi-functional sports complex

ENHANCE VISITOR ECONOMY AND DRIVE DEMAND FROM EVENT ORGANISERS



1. \$10 million for stage one



Whilst delivering high quality sporting infrastructure is a fundamental requirement of Port Stephens Council, this project has the potential to significantly enhance the region's visitor economy and drive demand from national sports event organisers, particularly in the off-peak tourism season.





7 Smart Region Partnerships

Seek a commitment to facilitate partnership discussions with tertiary institutions to create a regional innovation hub with (University of Newcastle) or learning hub (NSW TAFE) in the local government area.



\$2 million seed funding to initiate partnerships and develop necessary digital infrastructure



Port Stephens currently suffers from the 'brain drain' of young aspirational people moving out of the area to pursue career and study options further afield. There is scope to complement the natural economic strengths of Port Stephens, including aviation (Williamstown), manufacturing (Tomago) and marine/tourism/hospitality (Tomaree) with government support and game-changing digital infrastructure that will significantly change the lives of people in our region.

Learning centres

DEVELOP DIGITAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INFRASTRUCTURE



8 Urgent coastal management works

Funding to implement important coastal erosion work at Sandy Point, Corlette - one of Port Stephens most iconic pieces of shoreline. A detailed management plan has been developed and includes sand nourishment, rock revetment work, stormwater drainage and public safety measures.



\$6 million



Port Stephens is a pristine marine park two and a half times the size of Sydney Harbour and home to some of the most physically striking tourist destinations in NSW. Protective works are urgently required for a section of this coastline before further extreme weather events deliver catastrophic results for residents and visitors.

Reduce coastal erosion

PROTECT AGAINST FUTURE EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS





Maximise the supply of affordable housing options

THROUGH SOUND PLANNING APPROACH AND PROCESS, AND FACILITATION OF THE DELIVERY OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Facilitate the creation of people-friendly spaces

ACROSS OUR TOWN CENTRES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS



Maximise the economic contribution

OF REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING NEWCASTLE AIRPORT AND SURROUNDING DEVELOPABLE LAND

POLICY COMMITMENTS COUNCIL IS SEEKING FROM THE NSW GOVERNMENT



Message from the Mayor

Port Stephens local government area is part of NSW's largest regional centre and home to centres of major strategic importance, including Tomago industrial area, Newcastle Airport and Aerospace precinct, and an iconic tourism industry.

It enjoys natural advantages, including proximity to Sydney and Greater Newcastle, a magnificent Marine Park seeking heritage listing and the greatest coastal sand dune ecosystem in the Southern hemisphere.

To deliver on its full potential, however, the region requires significant investment – both public and private. My Council calls on the NSW Government and candidates for the seat of Port Stephens to partner with us to help drive the major initiatives that will shape the future of the region for decades to come.

We need affordable housing, major infrastructure and investment in tourism, transport and digital solutions. We need representatives that understand our strategic importance and growth potential and are prepared to invest in that future.

We will be working closely with our community in our efforts to deliver on these projects and are asking our state representatives to join us on that partnership.



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