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**From:** Brad Burden  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 August 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** Ehssan Veiszadeh; Neil Harley  
**Subject:** RE: Wagga for SMH

Hi mate,

[See my comments below](#) – I also corrected the NRL announcement – I don't we've ever released a figure.

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**From:** Ehssan Veiszadeh  
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### **For approval**

Brad and Neil,

Here is what I'd like to provide to the SMH in response to their claim that the Govt is running a "buy-election". Are you ok with it?

### **Quoting a NSW Government spokesperson:**

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has had a very strong record of delivering for the people of Wagga Wagga [from the moment we took office](#).

"After numerous broken promises by the former Labor Government to upgrade Wagga Wagga Hospital, this Government has delivered stages 1 and 2 of the more than \$400 million redevelopment of the hospital.

"This Government has also delivered a number of major road upgrades, including replacing Kapooka Bridge, it has delivered a new Wagga Wagga court house and provided \$10 million in the Budget for a PCYC upgrade.

"The NSW Government looks forward to continuing its strong record of delivery for the people of Wagga Wagga.

["The choice for people of the Wagga Wagga electorate is clear – elect Julia Ham as part of the Liberal team in Government – or someone who can't deliver."](#)

### **Further background:**

**NSW Liberals & Nationals Government Wagga Wagga highlights since 2011 (ie record prior to the by-election):**

- Completed the Wagga Wagga Hospital Redevelopment (Stages 1 and 2), including a new acute services building, 50-bed mental health unit and car park, December 2017, \$282 million. Stage 3 is now underway bring our investment to more than \$400 million.

- Opened Wagga Wagga Court House renovation, March 2017, \$19.5 million.
- Announced new school in Estella.
- New Fire Station in Batlow in 2015-16 Budget.
- Opened five new Service NSW Centres in the Riverina Murray Region, including a Centre in Wagga Wagga on Fox Street.
- Opened Lockhart Multi-Purpose Service to provide improved services and facilitate better health outcomes for residents across the surrounding rural and remote communities, February 2014, \$8 million.
- Opened the Wagga Wagga ambulance station, December 2017, \$4.4 million. The project was delivered as part of the \$122 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration program.
- Established a Wellbeing and Health In-Reach Nurse Coordinator Pilot Program in Young and Tumut providing support and access to health services for primary and high school students, March 2018, \$280,000
- Transitioned eight beds to address the Acute Mental Health needs of older people in Wagga Wagga, responding to local demand and providing improved services, May 2016, \$1.01 million
- Livvi's Place Wagga Wagga received \$400,000 from the NSW Government as part of the \$20 million towards 200 new and upgraded playgrounds in the \$290 million Open Spaces package
- \$10 million upgrade to PCYC announced in the 2018-19 Budget.
- \$1 million upgrade to Adelong Police Station announced in the 2018-19 Budget.
- Committed \$5 million under the Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund, as part of Restart NSW, to stage 2 of the Wagga Wagga Riverside Precinct Rejuvenation project, April 2018.
- Provided \$2.5 million to Wagga Wagga City Council to upgrade the access road to Bomen Business Park, June 2015.
- \$1 million towards a new Batlow Library announced in 2018-19 Budget.

- \$1.5 million towards refurbishment of Lockhart and The Rock Swimming Pools announced in 2018-19 Budget.
- Commenced construction on upgrade of Gocup Road and construction of two overtaking lanes between Tumut and Gundagai, November 2017, \$42.5 million.
- Completed replacement of Kapooka Bridge and realignment of the Olympic Highway, June 2016, \$27.5 million.
- Completed reconstruction of the Sturt Highway next to Bolton Park in Wagga Wagga, March 2018, \$2.5 million.
- Completed road widening and strengthening works at Smarts Road, 4 km north of Tumut, including significant safety improvements throughout the project length, December 2016, \$7.4 million.
- Provided \$26.74 million in grants to councils in Wagga Wagga for Road maintenance (Block Grants, REPAIR And Improvement of Regional Roads (REPAIR) Program and Traffic Route Lighting Subsidy) between July 2010 and December 2017.
- \$11 million previously committed for cycling network in Wagga.
- Completed interchange upgrade at Wagga Wagga Railway Station, including more parking, new accessible kiss and ride and taxi zones, new footpaths, improved customer wayfinding signage and upgraded public toilets, at Wagga Wagga transport interchange, June 2017.
- Introduced 25 new buses, in the Wagga Wagga between 2011 and 2018, to provide regular passenger and school services across NSW under the Rural and Regional Bus Service Contracts.

#### **Announcements during byelection:**

- \$50 million to redevelopment Tumut Hospital. Note that a \$1 million upgrade to the operating theatre at Tumut Hospital was delivered in December 2015.
- \$20 million towards Riverina conservatorium of Music (\$10 million previously announced).
- Canine Court Companion Program expansion to Wagga Wagga Courthouse
- \$75,000 for a Community Safety Officer at Snowy Valleys Shire Council
- 12 new paramedics stationed at Wagga Wagga Ambulance Station.

- \$1.6 million from to Wagga Wagga Council for upgrades to French Fields, McDonalds Park, Harris Park, Parramore Park and the Wagga Wagga Boat Club – announced during campaign but would have been announced regardless as this is part of an ongoing program.
- \$255,000 to Snowy Valleys Council for a range of projects in Adelong including main street façade improvements, promote tourism, wi-fi in the township, QR code/wayfinding signage and equipment for an adventure playground – announced during campaign but would have been announced regardless as this is part of an ongoing program
- \$14.4 million towards Riverina Intermodal Freight & Logistics Hub in Bomen.
- \$6.9 million for the Pomingalarna Reserve Multisport Cycling Hub under the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund.
- Destination NSW to contribute towards promoting **four** NRL Premiership matches **a year** to be played in **regional NSW** including **one** in Wagga Wagga.

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