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Australian Government renewing 29 bridges across NSW

TWENTY-NINE bridges across New South Wales will be upgraded under the first tranche of the Australian Government's new \$300 million Bridges Renewal Programme.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss was in Dubbo today to announce that \$28.5 million in federal funds will be pumped into local NSW bridges – matched by funding proponents – to improve the state's road network.

"The Australian Government received over 100 proposals from New South Wales, highlighting the importance that bridges play in local communities," Mr Truss said.

"The Bridges Renewal Programme is designed to bolster productivity of Australia's local bridges, to better serve communities and drive greater efficiency in road freight and traffic movement.

"By upgrading these bridges from, for example, by replacing one-lane timber bridges with two-lane concrete bridges, residents will enjoy better, safer and more reliable road access. Freight from farms and local factories will be able to pass safely along quicker routes with greatly improve productivity.

"It's a classic win-win situation. That's why the Coalition Government identified local bridge upgrades and repairs as a national priority."

New South Wales Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay said councils would play a vital role in delivering the upgrades.

"The value of these upgrades in small communities is directly reflected by the quality of proposals received from local councils, with 28 of the 29 NSW successful projects being from councils across the state," Mr Gay said.

"Councils will play a significant role in managing these projects, and in ensuring these bridges can continue to contribute to productivity and community access.

"One example is the Harpary Bridge near Narrabri, which on completion will improve access to the Maules Creek Coal Mine and the nearby agricultural area, ultimately contributing to NSW and the national economy."

The Australian Government is committing \$105 million over Round One of the Bridges Renewal programme, committing a total of \$300 million over five years from 2014-15.

See 'Attachment A' below for a list of each of the 29 NSW projects.

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Attachment A:
Bridges Renewal Programme projects—New South Wales

Proponent	Project name and location	Project description	Australian Government funds (\$000s)	Total project cost (\$000s)
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Caalong Bridge, Caalong St, Robertson	Replace a one lane timber bridge with two lane concrete bridge.	382	765
Carrathool Shire Council	Carrathool Bridge, Carrathool Rd, over the Murrumbidgee River, 60kms east of Hay.	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a two lane concrete bridge.	7,500	15,000
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Candlagan Creek Bridge, Coronation Drive, Broulee.	Replace the existing structure with a new bridge.	1,097	2,193
Mid-Western Regional Council	Green Gully on the Queens Pinch Rd, Queens Pinch 22kms south of Mudgee.	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a two lane concrete bridge	326	652
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Abercrombie River Bridge on the Goulburn/Oberon Rd between Oberon and Goulburn	Replace a one lane timber bridge with two lane concrete bridge	762	1,525
Corowa Shire Council	Hopefield Rd Bridge, Hopefield Rd, 20kms north of Corowa	Widening of existing concrete culvert bridge and adjustment to approaches.	255	515
Greater Taree City Council	Potts Bridge on Comboyne Rd, 7kms north of Wingham	Replace a timber bridge with reinforced concrete box culverts.	150	300
Gundagai Shire Council	Gobarralong Bridge, on Gobarralong Rd 9.3kms east from the Hume Hwy at Coolac	Replace a flood damaged bridge with a new bridge.	1,046	2,592
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Mow Creek Bridge, on Warrumbungle Way, 25kms south of Coonabarabran	Replace a floodway with concrete bridge.	400	1,100
Bombala Council	Parsonage Creek Bridge, approx. 2kms west of Bombala on the Delegate Rd	Strengthening and widening of existing bridge for timber /logging vehicles.	247	494
Cabonne Shire Council	Hanover Bridge, Banjo Patterson Way 60kms NW of Orange	Replace an existing one lane timber bridge with a dual lane concrete bridge with improved alignment and load	945	1,890

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Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Kippilaw Bridge on Gurrundah Rd over Wollondilly River 7kms SW of Goulburn	Replace a two lane timber bridge with a two lane precast concrete bridge.	937	1,874
Mid-Western Regional Council	Butter Factory Bridge, Crudine Creek on the Crudine Rd 63kms south of Mudgee	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a two lane concrete bridge.	315	630
Upper Hunter Shire Council	Starrs crossing on Timor-Crawney Rd, Timor, 60kms north of Scone	Replace a one lane wooden bridge with a new one lane concrete bridge.	340	710
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Orana Rd Bridge, 20kms south of Coolah on Rd to Dunedoo.	Replace a bridge with low level concrete bridge.	225	450
Weddin Shire Council	Beazleys Lane Bridge, over the Caragabal Creek, in the Caragabal district, 100kms west of Cowra	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a one lane steel and concrete bridge.	50	100
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Kirkland Rd Bridge, Kirkland Rd, Kangaloon, 4.3kms north of Robertson	Replace an existing timber bridge with a new concrete bridge.	189	378
Glen Innes Severn Shire Council	Severn River Bridge on Nine Mile Rd, 25 kms north of Glen Innes	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a one lane concrete bridge.	350	700
Tweed Shire Council	Anthony's Bridge, on Mistral Rd, Dunbible, at Stokers Rd and Bakers Rd, 4kms south of Murwillumbah	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a two lane concrete bridge.	950	1,900

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Young Shire Council	Burrangong Creek Bridge, on Bribbaree Rd, 12kms north of Young	Replace a wooden bridge with two lane concrete bridge.	535	1,070
Dungog Shire Council	Woerdens Rd Bridge, near Clarence Town, 25kms south of Dungog	Replace an existing timber bridge with a one span, dual lane concrete bridge.	325	650
Mid-Western Regional Council	Stoney Creek on the Wollar Rd 34kms NE of Mudgee	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a two lane concrete bridge	410	820
Narrabri Shire Council	Harparary Bridge over the Namoi River, Harparary Rd 35kms south of Narrabri	Replace a one lane timber, steel and concrete bridge with a two lane concrete bridge.	1,694	3,388
Newcastle City Council	Cottage Creek bridge, Hunter St, Newcastle	Replace the existing bridge which has significant structural deterioration with a new bridge.	990	1,980
Tamworth Regional Council	Catong Gully Bridge on Lower Somerton Rd, Somerton, 35kms NW of Tamworth	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a one lane concrete bridge.	170	340
Tenterfield Shire Council	Bookookoorara Creek Bridge, Mount Lindesay Rd, 33.75kms north of Tenterfield.	Replace a one lane timber bridge with a two lane structure (box culverts) on a new alignment.	350	700
Uralla Shire Council	Abington Creek Bridge, 54 kms NW of Uralla on Thunderbolts Way.	Replace a timber bridge with two lane concrete bridge and Rd alignment.	705	1,410
Lismore City Council	Wilson St Bridge link, Hollingsworth Creek, South Lismore.	A new bridge over Hollingsworth Creek.	875	1,750

Attachment A:
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Roads and Maritime Services	Lansdowne Bridge, near the intersection of Bungonia Road and Forbes St and 2km east of the city centre of Goulburn	Replacement of Lansdowne Bridge	3,250	6,500

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