MAJOR PROJECTS

The following key infrastructure projects are funding priorities in the Bega Valley Shire.

Airport, Water, Sewer and Energy
- $4.5m - Merimbula Airport Runway upgrade
- $4m - Merimbula Airport Commercial Precinct (to match state funding)
- $23m - Merimbula Sewerage Treatment Plant and Ocean Outfall upgrade
- $27m - Water Treatment Facility upgrades in Eden & Merimbula
- $28m - Brogo Dam height raising to improve water security and farm sustainability along with local employment opportunities
- Gas pipeline to support manufacturing industry retention and growth

Roads and Transport
- Princes Highway duplicated from Nowra to Victorian boarder and recognised as a Road of Strategic Importance
- East-West connectivity via the Snowy Mountains Highway with an upgraded Brown Mountain link supporting B-Double access
- $13m - Timber bridge replacement funding
- Southern Lights project roll out across regional NSW
- Shovel ready land transport infrastructure stabilisation and seal projects
  - Wanatta Lane $511k
  - Tantawangalo Mountain Road $1.8m
  - Nethercoote Road $2.25m
  - Kameruka Lane $2.6m
  - Dr George Mountain Road $5m
  - Warrigal Range Road $2.32m
  - Yowrie Road $1.8m
  - Towridgee Lane $1.7m

Town Centres and Precincts
- $14m - Town centre revitalisation projects in Merimbula
- Town centre revitalisation in other major centres in Bega Valley Eden $3m, Bega $7m, Bermagui $6m (conceptual estimates based on relative scale of the areas to be improved)
- Snug Cove Precinct Eden delivered as a vibrant maritime centre

Culture, Sport and Recreation
- $6.4m - Bega Regional Gallery upgrade
- $8m - Tathra Wharf rehabilitation works
- $9.15m - Bega Pool renewal
- $2.9m - Merimbula Boardwalk renewal

Education and Innovation
- Regional education, innovation, community hub and library precinct at the former Bega Hospital Site
- $3.5m - Eden library upgrade

Bushfire Recovery and Resilience
- Support for regional RFS site in the Bega Valley
- Full funding of Council gaps in replacement infrastructure works and make safe works
- Improved telecommunication infrastructure to support emergency responses and recovery
- Improved transport accessibility to support emergency responses and recovery
- Full bushfire affected asset replacement funding
- Funding for the upgrade of nominated evacuation centres and safer places to include alternative power sources, communications and accessibility at evacuation centres

COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience
- Financial support to local government nationally to support all Councils to undertake community and economic recovery projects
- Project funding to the Canberra Region Joint Organisation to develop and provide a new local government model aimed at refocussing service outputs and reducing duplicated costs
- Funding to support regional airports to keep them operating with the loss of funding due to significantly reduced landing fees

Employment/Lands
- $10m Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)
- Naval Wharf precinct developed to support freight opportunities
- Development of pre-identified industrial land project south of Bega

Tourism
- Bundian Way infrastructure delivery
- Trails, track and accessibility projects throughout the Shire
- $7.2m - Eden Trails Mountain Bike Project
- Tourism product development programs supporting industry recovery
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**BUSHFIRES, NATURAL DISASTERS & ENVIRONMENT**
Protect communities from the impacts of natural disasters and climate change
- Assist local government to respond to impacts from increased frequency of bushfire, storms and floods
- Ensure Census collection captures data on bushfire and other disaster impacts in regional communities
- Establish a local government climate change partnership fund addressing mitigation and adaptation projects
- Fund support of Councils for preparedness and response to emergencies – operation and staff training for EOC, evacuation centre facilities, telecommunications, power

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**
Promote equitable access to community services
- Fund regional tertiary education

**ECONOMY & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**
Strengthen regional economies
- Support regional economies by relocating Federal Government Departments
- Target funding programs at growth sectors of the Bega Valley Shire: Agribusiness, Forestry, Marine, Tourism, Education and Health and Aged Care
- Support small businesses recover from drought, bushfire and the global pandemic
- Fund support for drought - water storage, agricultural resilience initiatives, technology investment and policy
- Fund resource recovery initiatives - with a focus on business
- Fund support of key actions from Climate Resilience Strategy and BVSC Clean Energy Plan
- Support and fund employment programs building workforce skills and resilience

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS**
Support local government’s current work in addressing affordable housing and homelessness
- Fund a youth refuge in the Bega Valley
- Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing and flexible housing options
- Further support for mental health services in regional areas as the full impact of the drought, fires, floods and pandemic is realised

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**
Simplify grant funding processes so we can deliver more for the community
- Support Councils to have ‘shovel ready’ projects by funding project preplanning activities in funding programs
- Increase the project management/administration limit in funding programs to at least 20% to reflect actual cost for Councils to deliver projects
- Improve and streamline Federal Government grant guidelines, application processes and reporting requirements

**FUNDING**
Repair funding to Local Government
- Restore the quantum of Financial Assistance Grants annually to at least 1% of Commonwealth Taxation revenue

**TRANSPORT ROUTES**
Realise the productive potential of Australia’s freight routes
- Fund a local government Productivity Investment Plan
- Support freight routes in South East NSW particularly the “black hole” that exists in the far south coast by:
  - upgrading the Princes Highway and classifying the Princes Highway as a Road of Strategic Importance
  - upgrading of the Snowy Mountains Highway through Brown Mountain: stage one - funded scoping study to design and cost the project; stage two - delivery of the upgrade.

**COMMUNICATIONS**
Keep regional communities digitally connected
- Deliver full digital connectivity to the region
- Deliver full connectivity to the region through black spot funding and smart technology funding for the Southern Lights project
- Commit to ensuring there are no Black Spots in regional Australia, particularly those that are at significant risk of natural disasters such as the Black Summer Bushfires
- Establish remote working hubs to leverage digital economy benefits for regions

**HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES**
Promote healthier communities
- Invest in local government preventative health and activity programs

**INDIGENOUS WELL-BEING**
Foster Indigenous well-being and prosperity
- Fund the Bundian Way project
- Continue support for Indigenous jobs/traineeships
- Support Indigenous business development