



The Australian Government is delivering a \$42 billion Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan that includes funding for building and maintenance of schools, social housing and road and rail maintenance. The Plan is designed to support employment and make Australia more resilient in the current global financial crisis.

NSW's share of this funding is valued at over \$7 billion. Key Social Housing and Education components of the funding include nearly \$2 billion to be invested in constructing around 6,000 new social housing homes, \$130 million maintaining existing social housing along with nearly \$3 billion for new and refurbished buildings in government primary schools, \$287 million in maintenance for government primary and secondary schools and \$151 million invested in new science and language centres for government secondary schools. These works are to be completed in just 2 years.

Each State and Territory must increase its expenditure by at least the amount allocated by the Australian Government. The NSW Government has already committed to an extensive program of capital investment. So, together the combined NSW Government investment in infrastructure is \$62.9 billion over the next four years. This will sustain an average of over 160,000 jobs every year.

What is the NSW Nation Building and Jobs Plan Taskforce?

The Premier announced the NSW Nation Building and Jobs Plan Taskforce in February 2009 to ensure the rapid and successful delivery of the Australian Government's economic stimulus measures in NSW, particularly in the social housing and public education sectors.

The Taskforce is chaired by Bob Leece and Mr Leece reports directly to the Premier. The Taskforce includes the Director General of Education and Training, the Chief Executive of Housing NSW, a Deputy Secretary of NSW Treasury and a Deputy Director-General of Premier and Cabinet. A small team of expert industry advisers forms the Taskforce Office to facilitate the rapid, efficient and coordinated implementation of the Nation Building funded program in NSW. Mr Leece is also the Infrastructure Coordinator General of the program in NSW, reporting on progress to the Commonwealth Coordinator General and the Premier.

Why a Taskforce?

The key objective of the Australian Government's stimulus package is to secure jobs within the building industry across NSW as quickly as possible, primarily in the areas of building, maintaining and creating education and housing facilities.

The Australian Government has applied strict timeframes for completion of the program, and the State/Commonwealth Funding Agreement states that funding will be withdrawn and specific projects will become a State liability if they are not completed on time.

On behalf of the Premier, the Taskforce is combining the best of the private and public sectors. To ensure planning and procurement processes are fast tracked, it has been granted special planning approval powers through the NSW Nation Building and Jobs Plan (State Infrastructure Delivery) Act 2009.

How do I find out more?

A number of key milestones are being achieved on a weekly basis in the delivery of the Australian Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

The Taskforce distributes a weekly update to all key stakeholders online at www.nsw.gov.au/nationbuildingtaskforce

You can join the distribution list by sending your contact details to taskforceinfo@dpc.nsw.gov.au.



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