

## **CHAPTER 4: OUTCOMES OF 2000-01 BUDGET INITIATIVES**

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This Western Sydney Budget Statement again reports on the outcomes of the Government's Budget commitments from the previous year. This presents a comprehensive picture of Government funding to Western Sydney and enables the effectiveness of its programs and expenditure to be measured.

2000-2001 INITIATIVE	OUTCOME
<p><b>MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY</b></p> <p>The Government will fund the operations of the <b>Office of Western Sydney</b> to the extent of <b>\$1.4 million</b> in 2000-2001.</p>	<p>\$1.6 million was expended by the Office of Western Sydney in 2000-2001 on implementing the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>The 2001 Western Sydney Industry Awards</b> attracted more than 170 applications. 129 Western Sydney businesses were announced as finalists in February 2001, including 28 Tourism Award finalists. The Tourism Presentation Dinner was held on 8 March 2001 at the Sydney Showground's Clydesdale Pavilion. The 2001 Awards culminated with the Gala Presentation Dinner at Stadium Australia on 23 March. Awards were given in 13 categories, including Global Excellence, and the new Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Technology and Medical Instrumentation and the Entrepreneur categories.</li> <li>◆ <b>Corporate Partners for Change.</b> Since October 1998, over 220 people have been employed in areas such as information technology, retail, electrical, general engineering, motor vehicle tyre and wheel alignment, the call centre industry, hospitality and assistants in nursing (aged care).</li> <li>◆ <b>Information Technology Initiatives</b> include: the IT in Western Sydney Industry Conference; the directory of 330 Western Sydney IT companies <i>IT Sydney West</i> which has been distributed globally by Austrade; an IT Forum with Western Sydney councils designed to take up IT; and an IT Roadmap-Technology Diffusion Program designed to accelerate the use of IT in Western Sydney businesses.</li> <li>◆ The <b>Western Sydney Environment Strategy</b> is outlined in Chapter 3 of this Statement under <i>Protecting the Environment</i>.</li> <li>◆ The <b>Western Sydney Arts Strategy</b> outcomes are reported under <i>Arts</i> (below).</li> <li>◆ <b>Initiatives for Women in Western Sydney</b> outcomes are reported under <i>Women</i> (below).</li> </ul>

2000-2001 INITIATIVE	OUTCOME
<p><b>SECURING JOBS AND INVESTMENT</b></p> <p><b><i>Public Infrastructure</i></b></p> <p><b>Correctional facilities</b> are being provided in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 at an estimated cost of <b>\$40.7 million</b>. The facilities are: a Periodic Detention Centre and an expanded correctional centre at Parklea; a new correctional centre for women at Windsor; an upgraded facility for female inmates at Emu Plains; and a new Transport Unit at Silverwater.</p> <p>Over <b>\$45 million</b> will be spent on the provision of <b>major new and refurbished facilities for schools</b>. New schools will be built at Glenmore Park, Kellyville, Mt Annan, Currans Hill, Harrington Park, Hoxton Park and Wattle Grove. Replacement schools will be constructed at Camden and Quakers Hill. In addition, an estimated <b>\$29 million</b> will be expended on school building maintenance.</p> <p><b>\$12.1 million</b> will be spent on the development and refurbishment of <b>TAFE facilities</b> at Bankstown, Campbelltown, Kingswood, Wetherill Park and Miller.</p> <p>A new <b>Fire Station</b> at Bonnyrigg Heights will be completed in August 2000 and Fire Stations are to be constructed at Cranebrook, Schofields and Horsley Park.</p> <p>Over <b>\$64.9 million</b> is allocated for <b>health related capital works</b> in Western Sydney including facilities at Camden, Campbelltown, the Blue Mountains, Mt Druitt, Penrith and Westmead.</p>	<p>Expenditure on these projects by the Department of Corrective Services in 2000-2001 was \$38.5 million.</p> <p>Over \$36 million was spent in 2000-2001 on the provision of major new and refurbished facilities for schools. This included new schools at Glenmore Park, Mount Annan, Currans Hill, Harrington Park, Hoxton Park and Wattle Grove. Replacement schools have been built at Camden and Quakers Hill. \$32 million was spent on school building maintenance.</p> <p>\$13.5 million was spent on the development and refurbishment of TAFE facilities at Bankstown, Campbelltown, Kingswood, Blacktown, Liverpool, Wetherill Park, Miller, Macquarie Fields and Mount Druitt.</p> <p>The Fire Station at Bonnyrigg Heights was completed during 2000-2001. The new facilities for Cranebrook, Glenhaven and Schofields are expected to be commissioned during 2001-2002 and the construction of the Horsley Park Fire Station will be subject to the availability of suitable land. The outcomes achieved from the NSW Fire Brigades Greater Sydney Area program for Western Sydney are: enhanced community safety, quality of life and confidence; promotion of fire safety and prevention programs; minimisation of the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, environment and economy; and an equitable and strategic provision of fire and emergency services.</p> <p>Planned completion dates for hospital development are Camden - September 2001; Campbelltown - February 2004; Penrith (Detoxification Unit) - January 2002; Penrith (Stage 2) - November 2001; Westmead (Procedural Centre) - June 2002; and Mt Druitt (minor refurbishment) - June 2001. The Bodington Hospital Nursing Home development project was completed in October 2000.</p>

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<p>In 2000-2001, expenditure by the Department of Housing for the <b>construction or purchase of 287 new public and community housing properties</b> in Western Sydney will be <b>\$28.6 million</b>. A further <b>\$26 million</b> will be allocated for the <b>completion of properties</b> commenced in 1999-2000. In addition, the Department will receive <b>\$62.5 million</b> for <b>capital improvements</b> to 6,600 existing public and community homes. Total expenditure by the Department in Western Sydney will be \$123.7 million.</p> <p>Landcom has entered into discussions with the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning to commit \$23 million over a five year period to the implementation of water, sewer and trunk drainage <b>infrastructure for the Rouse Hill residential land development</b>.</p> <p><b>\$1.4 million</b> will be allocated in capital expenditure by the <b>Police Service</b> in 2000-2001 for new police training facilities at Westmead.</p> <p>The Department of Public Works and Services is continuing to co-ordinate the <b>Parramatta Government Property Strategy</b>.</p>	<p>\$38 million was spent in 2000-2001 on the construction or purchase of 338 new public and community housing properties for eligible households on low incomes. A total of \$43 million was spent on the completion of public and community housing properties commenced in 1999-2000 in Western Sydney.</p> <p>In addition, \$64 million was spent on capital improvements to around 7,500 public housing properties as well as to community housing properties. The capital improvement expenditure for existing crisis accommodation properties and community housing properties in Western Sydney was around \$1.6 million.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, Landcom contributed \$7 million to servicing infrastructure.</p> <p>The Westmead Training Facility is now operational. The three police commands now on site are the Westmead Campus of the NSW Police College, the NSW Crime Faculty of Crime Agencies and a state-of-the-art Forensic Services laboratory complex.</p> <p>Education and training courses offered on campus are delivered by: the Workplace Training Unit; the School of Operational Safety and Tactics; the Detective Education Program; the Information Training Unit; and the Westmead Campus of the School of Traffic and Mobile Policing and a Practicum Unit.</p> <p>At the end of 2000, up to 150 students per day were participating in courses and forums at the campus.</p> <p>The Department of Public Works and Services anticipates that new construction and development work will commence in 2001-2002. As part of the Strategy, the Attorney General's Department is progressing the delivery of improved court infrastructure to service the Western Sydney community. Planning for a justice precinct is progressing and includes provision of a Metropolitan Children's Court and a new Trial Court Complex for management of serious criminal matters.</p>

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<p>More than <b>\$290 million</b> will be spent on Western Sydney <b>roads and public transport infrastructure</b> in 2000-2001, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$75.4 million for the Parramatta-Chatswood Rail Link;</li> <li>◆ \$43.5 million on construction of the Liverpool to Parramatta bus only Transitway;</li> <li>◆ \$6 million for Stage 2 of the Richmond Line amplification;</li> <li>◆ More than \$6 million to improve access to CityRail stations including Fairfield, Regents Park and Katoomba;</li> <li>◆ \$9 million to widen the Great Western Highway at Faulconbridge;</li> <li>◆ \$11 million to widen Old Windsor/Windsor Road from Seven Hills to Kellyville;</li> <li>◆ \$5.3 million to complete a new bridge for the Horsley Drive over the railway at Carramar;</li> <li>◆ More than \$40 million on road maintenance works;</li> <li>◆ More than \$15 million on traffic management works; and</li> <li>◆ More than \$3 million on road safety works.</li> </ul> <p>The <b>Sydney Catchment Authority</b> will continue the \$150 million <b>Warragamba Dam</b> major upgrade in 2000-2001 with expenditure in the order of <b>\$36 million</b>.</p>	<p>The forecast expenditure for 2000-2001 is \$47.4 million. Work has continued on investigations and design for the development of the project.</p> <p>Construction will commence on the Liverpool to Parramatta Transitway, with completion expected in 2003.</p> <p>Forecast expenditure in 2000-2001 is \$3.9 million. Detailed design work is in progress and the project has been accelerated.</p> <p>Construction contracts have been awarded and works are well under way at Katoomba and Regents Park Stations. Design for Fairfield Station is progressing for scheduled completion in 2002-03. Works include features such as lifts, accessible toilets, hearing loops, tactile tiles and general station improvements. Total expenditure in 2000-2001 will be \$4.9 million.</p> <p>Construction of the dual carriageway is expected in mid 2001, improving road safety and travel times.</p> <p>Duplication of the Old Windsor Road between Seven Hills and Sunnyholt Roads is complete and construction of the two adjoining sections is to commence in mid 2001.</p> <p>The project is complete and has resulted in improved travel conditions on the Horsley Drive.</p> <p>Around \$36.4 million in maintenance works to specified standards for arterial roads was carried out in 2000-2001.</p> <p>This program has included: the provision of bus priority works; cycleways (eg the Parramatta-Liverpool rail trail); pedestrian facilities; improvements to signposting; intersection treatments; incident management systems and operations (including traffic emergency patrols); and maintenance of traffic facilities.</p> <p>The program of Road Safety works and initiatives will be achieved in 2000-2001 and expenditure will exceed \$3 million.</p> <p>The Warragamba Dam Spillway, when completed in December 2002, will ensure the safety of the dam and water supply by safely bypassing the probable maximum flood. It will also bypass lesser floods in such a way as to minimise downstream flooding.</p>

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<p>Under the <b>Priority Sewerage Program</b> of the <b>Sydney Water Corporation</b>, 3,400 homes will be connected to sewerage systems in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment. It is estimated that a total of <b>\$5.6 million</b> will be expended in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Approximately <b>\$5.2 million</b> will be spent in 2000-2001 on initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Penrith Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)</b> amplification;</li> <li>◆ Long-term objectives for the <b>Parramatta River</b> include no dry weather overflows from sewerage pumping stations and a frequency of wet weather overflows less than 40 events in 10 years;</li> <li>◆ The \$80 million <b>Blue Mountains Sewerage Scheme</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Integral Energy</b> has allocated <b>\$56 million</b> for <b>capital projects</b> to enhance Western Sydney electrical infrastructure in 2000-2001.</p>	<p>Construction of reticulated sewerage services to a further 1,000 properties between Hazelbrook and North Katoomba was completed in 2000-2001 as part of the first stage of the Blue Mountains Sewerage Scheme. Environmental assessment is currently underway for Menangle/Menangle Park, Mulgoa/Wallacia/Silverdale and The Oaks/Oakdale Sewerage Schemes. Some examples of pollution reduction initiatives undertaken by Sydney Water include: phosphorous removal systems at Quakers Hill, St Marys and Penrith Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs); closure of all seven ageing STPs in the lower Blue Mountains; commissioning of a new state-of-the-art-STP at Winnalee; commissioning of the Picton sewerage scheme together with a tertiary effluent recycling scheme; and upgrading of all disinfection systems at all STPs to improve performance and eliminate any chlorine residual in water.</p> <p>Amplification of Penrith STP from 24 ML to 31 ML, will accommodate transfer of effluent flows from Glenbrook STP and meet future growth in the area, at the total cost of \$30 million over 4 years. This will immediately service approximately 100,000 people, and about 116,000 people by 2021. The Representations Report on the EIS is currently being prepared.</p> <p>\$16 million of Sewerfix work has been undertaken in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Stage 1 of the Upper Blue Mountains Sewerage Scheme, providing sewerage facilities to approximately 1,600 properties in 18 separate areas between Hazelbrook and North Katoomba, was completed during 2000-2001. Stage 2 involves the upgrade of the sewerage system and treatment plants in the Upper Blue Mountains, along with extending the system to sewer over 1,300 additional properties in Mt Victoria, Blackheath and Medlow Bath.</p> <p>In 2000-2001 Integral Energy invested \$56 million in its Western Sydney network, focusing on augmentation of the Anzac Village Zone Substation, domestic residential underground development, high voltage system development and capital refurbishment.</p>

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<p><b>State and Regional Development</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the <b>Industries Assistance Fund</b> will continue to provide support for businesses in Western Sydney that are expanding and creating new jobs.</p> <p>The <b>Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board</b> will be funded by the Department of State and Regional Development to the extent of <b>\$200,000</b> to undertake projects in 2000-2001.</p> <p>The Department of State and Regional Development will engage the <b>Business Enterprise Centres</b> at Blacktown, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Parramatta and Penrith at a cost of <b>\$75,000 each</b> to provide small business services to those areas.</p> <p>The Government is committed to spend over \$11 million on a facelift for the historic Blue Mountains' town of Katoomba and the Echo Point lookout.</p>	<p>In 2000-2001, the Small Business Development Division of the Department of State and Regional Development provided the following grants in Western Sydney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 4 businesses received up to \$20,000 for export opportunities;</li> <li>◆ 9 businesses received assistance totalling \$91,500 from the High Growth Program; and</li> <li>◆ 23 businesses received almost \$127,000 under the Small Business Expansion Program.</li> </ul> <p>Project facilitation is the most important element in the Department's services in securing investment for the region. Financial assistance is only used when other solutions have been exhausted. In 2000-2001, over \$1 million has been provided to projects in Sydney through the Industries Assistance Fund.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Department allocated \$200,000 to the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board for project funding and \$100,000 for administration.</p> <p>In the six month period to 31 December 2000, a total of 9,277 inquiries, including client contacts from both new start-ups and existing businesses, were received by the 5 Business Enterprise Centres in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Major plans are being implemented, with the completion of the Echo Point Visitors' Centre finalised, the TAFE east site documents with the preferred tenderer and the Main Street projects underway.</p>
<p><b>Tourism</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001 Tourism New South Wales will fund <b>Western Sydney tourism development</b> to the extent of <b>\$330,000</b>.</p>	<p>Parramatta, Penrith and Hawkesbury received funding under the Tourism Experience Development program. To promote local tourism experiences, campaigns in marketing, media fact sheets and public relations were undertaken. Funds were also provided: to support tourism information database management at visitor information centres; for dedicated staff resources to provide assistance to councils, tourism operators and groups; and for international promotions of Sydney held in Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, North America and New Zealand.</p>

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<p><b>Skills Development and Resources</b></p> <p>Total operating costs for the <b>Western and South Western Sydney TAFE Institutes</b> and the Bankstown, Padstow and Lidcombe colleges within the <b>Southern Sydney TAFE Institute</b> are forecast at around <b>\$252 million</b> in 2000-2001.</p> <p>An estimated <b>\$7 million</b> will be available to support <b>Industry Training Programs</b> in Western Sydney during 2000-2001 within the Department of Education and Training's <b>Industry Training Services Centres</b> located at Bankstown, Liverpool and Parramatta.</p>	<p>Funding levels for 2000-2001 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$104.2 million - Western Sydney Institute of TAFE;</li> <li>◆ \$111.7 million - South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE; and</li> <li>◆ \$48.4 million - Bankstown, Padstow and Lidcombe colleges within the Southern Sydney TAFE Institute.</li> </ul> <p>Funds were spent on the Olympic 2000 Industry Training Strategy to increase skill workforce levels across key areas including tourism, hospitality, security, transport, arts and broadcasting, disability awareness, building and construction and property services. \$10 million was committed in Contracted Training Provision purchasing.</p>
<p><b>Information Technology</b></p> <p>The Office of Information Technology in the Department of Information Technology and Management will conduct a number of whole-of-government information and communications technology programs in 2000-2001 and will benefit all of New South Wales, including Western Sydney. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>The Australian Centre for Advanced Computing and Communications</b></li> <li>◆ The NSW Government's Homepage <b>ServiceNSW</b></li> </ul>	<p>Opened in August 2000, the Centre is the largest investment by the NSW Government in high performance computing and infrastructure for research and development. It will become a distributed group of computing centres with high-speed communications to regional nodes, with a strong industry development focus especially for small and regional businesses. The Centre's central facility is at the Australian Technology Park, Sydney. Key regional centres are involved in the venture with nodes from Western Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong based in regional universities and the Bathurst node hosted by the Department of Information Technology and Management. In 2000-2001 the Government spent \$5 million on the establishment of the central facility and the Bathurst node.</p> <p>A new <i>ServiceNSW</i> went live in September 2000. There is a new area highlighting community-based service sectors such as youth and seniors. Currently there are about 500 services available through <i>ServiceNSW</i>, with a range of online information services available. They can be used to: look up train, bus and ferry timetables; discover restaurants, hotels and recreational activities in regional tourist destinations; find out about State Award conditions and wage rates; down-load past HSC examinations and study notes; undertake TAFE information technology training courses through the Open Training and Education Network; and obtain help with starting a business from the Business Enterprise Centre.</p>

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<p>◆ <b>Connect.nsw</b></p> <p>◆ <b>The Government Radio Network</b></p>	<p>Payments can also be made online. These include: traffic infringement fines; design, order and pay for motor vehicle registration plates; carry out and pay for Land Title searches; pay Sydney Water, Advance Energy, Integral Energy and Hunter Water accounts; renew boating licences and registrations; renew registrations for vehicles less than 3 years old that don't require a pink slip; and register new cars online.</p> <p>State-wide funding of \$8.5 million in 2000-2001 has been used to coordinate key whole-of-government initiatives as well as establish a program to support agencies in delivering integrated services to the community and business. Key projects include: an <i>All of Government Online Bookshop</i> for the purchase of government publications; a project to enable builders and other tradespeople buy or sell recyclable materials using a WAP-enabled mobile phone; <i>jobs.nsw</i>, a project to enable people to search for and apply for NSW government jobs online; and an <i>online address changing facility</i> for the community and business to notify a change of address to their chosen government and non-Government organisations.</p> <p>The joint government-industry sponsored Centre of Excellence in eBusiness commenced operations at Parramatta.</p> <p>In 2000-2001 around \$1 million was spent on improving the coverage and capacity of the Government Radio Network in response to the needs of users.</p>
<p><b>Agriculture</b></p> <p>NSW Agriculture has four establishments in, or directly servicing, Western Sydney. They are the <b>Windsor District Office</b>, the <b>Richmond Organic Waste Recycling Unit</b>, the <b>Elizabeth Macarthur Institute</b> at Camden and the <b>Gosford Research and Advisory Station</b> (which supports the cut flower industry in Western Sydney). The total budget for these centres is around <b>\$28 million</b> per annum.</p>	<p>Important outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ more productive plant and animal agricultural enterprises through improved communications and new technologies; and</li> <li>◆ increased harmony between residents where agricultural lands adjoin urban developments.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Energy Exploration</b></p> <p>Sydney Gas Operations Pty Ltd has been conducting an extensive exploration program in the Camden area for commercial production of methane gas from Sydney Basin coal seams. Seventeen of a proposed initial twenty five wells have been drilled at a cost of approximately \$10 million. If full scale production proves feasible in the next phase, subject to development approval, the number of wells could eventually grow to over 100, representing a substantial investment in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>Sydney Gas Company has drilled 22 wells in the Camden area as part of its exploration program for coal seam methane. The company has obtained encouraging results from a number of wells and was granted a Petroleum Assessment Lease in November 2000, so that it could carry out an assessment of the commercial potential of the area. This testing has required the construction of a gas gathering system, construction of a treatment facility and a pipeline linking the treatment facility to the AGL gas network at Camden. Sydney Gas will have spent about \$20 million on the program. Testing of the coal seam methane potential of an area near Camden commenced in April 2001.</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p><b>Health</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, <b>Recurrent funding</b> for the <b>Western Sydney Area Health Service</b> will rise by \$26.2 million from \$491.1 million in the 1999-2000 budget year to <b>\$517.3 million</b> in 2000-2001. Similarly, <b>South Western Sydney Area Health Service</b> funding will increase by \$25.2 million to <b>\$466.4 million</b> and <b>Wentworth Area Health Service</b> by \$8.6 million to <b>\$196.3 million</b>.</p> <p>The Western Sydney Area Health Service will provide \$0.9 million for two further intensive care beds to be opened at Westmead Hospital.</p> <p>Wentworth Area Health Service will allocate \$0.9 million on the continuation of expanded services including the setting up of a Home and Ambulatory Detoxification Service.</p> <p><b>Major capital projects</b> to be undertaken, continued or completed in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The <b>Macarthur Sector Strategy</b> (redevelopment of Camden Hospital and Upgrading Campbelltown Hospital, mobile vans to assist isolated areas and a child care centre in Camden/Wollondilly) (<b>\$31.3 million</b>);</li> </ul>	<p>The Department of Health's 2000-2001 recurrent funding allocation for the Western Sydney Area Health Service was \$524.9 million, an increase of \$33.8 million over the 1999-2000 budget year. South Western Sydney Area Health Service received \$475 million, an increase of \$33.8 million and the Wentworth Area Health Service received \$200.7 million, an increase of \$13 million.</p> <p>Intensive care bed numbers at Westmead Hospital were increased from 12 to 14 and were functional during 2000-2001, with nursing numbers increased accordingly. On occasions bed numbers increased to as many as 16.</p> <p>\$900,000 was allocated for the continuation of expanded services which allowed the opening of 6 detoxification beds. A Home and Ambulatory Detoxification Service was set up at a cost of \$300,000.</p> <p>The estimated cost of the Strategy is \$100.5 million. At Camden, the new hospital development is expected to be completed in September 2001 and historic building works in March 2002. The new West Building of the Campbelltown Hospital is due for completion in February 2003 with the remainder of the development due for completion in February 2004. Construction of the Campbelltown Child/Adolescent Inpatient Unit and Day Centre will be completed in November 2001.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Complete the stage two development of <b>Nepean Hospital (\$11.9 million)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of the stage two development is \$71.1 million. Works completed in January 2001 include the extension/refurbishment of the Intensive Care Unit, Pathology Unit, the Link Road and Women's and Children's block car park. Extensions to the West Block are expected to be completed in December 2001.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Blue Mountains Acute Inpatient Unit (\$1.8 million)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of the Mental Health Acute Inpatient Unit is \$2.8 million. A procurement feasibility plan is currently being developed. When completed, the Unit will enhance local access for patients, reduce the impact of mental disorder on individuals and their families and provide quality and effectiveness in mental health care.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Blue Mountains Hospital Hydrotherapy (\$900,000)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of the project is \$950,000. A procurement feasibility plan is currently being reviewed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Energy Smart Building Program (\$398,000)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>Treasury loan financing of \$800,000 has been provided to the Wentworth Area Health Service to upgrade infrastructure to achieve energy efficiency savings. Savings derived are applied to the repayment of the Treasury loan.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Nepean Hospital Campus Detoxification Unit (\$2.6 million)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of the project is \$3.9 million. Construction of this 16 bed facility to provide inpatient and outpatient detoxification facilities and outreach services, will be completed by January 2002.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A new \$5 million <b>Procedural Centre</b> at <b>Westmead Hospital</b> to provide greater access to day only surgery (<b>\$1.5 million</b>);</li> </ul>	<p>A procurement feasibility plan for this project has been finalised. The development, expected to be completed by June 2002, will provide an integrated one-stop centre where all elements of pre-admission, pre-operative and post-operative care can be achieved on an ambulatory care basis.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Radiology Oncology at Campbelltown (\$4 million)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of this project is \$13.8 million. It is under consideration for inclusion in the Macarthur Sector Strategy project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Neonatal Emergency Transport (\$800,000)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of the project, expected to be completed by August 2002, is \$3.7 million. It will provide for the development of facilities, including a helipad, for the purpose of collocating the Neonatal Emergency Transport Services and the Child Flight helicopter services on the Westmead Campus.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>NSW Breast Cancer Institute</b> at <b>Westmead (\$1.5 million)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The estimated cost of the project is \$3.3 million and it will provide accommodation for the administrative and research components of the Institute. Construction is expected to be completed by September 2002.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Bodington Hospital Nursing Home Wentworth Falls (\$3 million)</b>;</li> </ul>	<p>The \$9.1 million development includes an 80 bed aged care facility with 40 community care packages for frail aged and those with mild dementia. Construction was completed in October 2000.</p>

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<p>◆ <b>Campbelltown Adolescent Admission Unit/Day Centre (\$600,000).</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the allocation for <b>Mental Health Services</b> in Western Sydney will increase by \$8.1 million to almost <b>\$110 million</b>.</p> <p><b>Dental Services</b> in Western Sydney will be allocated an estimated <b>\$27 million</b> in 2000-2001.</p> <p>The <b>Rehabilitation and Extended Care Program</b> in Western Sydney will be allocated an estimated <b>\$160 million</b> in 2000-2001.</p> <p><b>Emergency Department Services</b> within Western Sydney will receive an additional <b>\$1 million</b> per annum to reduce waiting times for patients. These extra funds will be provided to Blacktown, Mt Druitt and Westmead Hospitals.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, in addition to normal <b>ambulance fleet replacement</b>, a further 10 ambulance vehicles will be available to finalise replacement of all the Ford F series vehicles in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>The estimated cost of the 10 bed Inpatient Unit and Day Care Centre project is \$3.2 million. Construction is expected to be completed in November 2001.</p> <p>The Mental Health Services allocation for Western Sydney increased to almost \$116 million in 2000-2001. Funds were provided to develop partnerships, prevention, promotion and early intervention projects. \$8.1 million was allocated for the first of a three year funding program to enhance psychiatric services in the area.</p> <p>Over \$27 million was allocated in 2000-2001, an increase of \$1.5 million or 6 per cent. Dental funding, on a Resource Distribution Formula basis to ensure fairness to all areas, will increase in Western Sydney by a further \$4.5 million in 2002-2003. This will represent an increase of 23 per cent over 1999-2000 funding levels.</p> <p>Expenditure for this program in 2000-2001 was \$177 million and was applied to improve or maintain the well-being and independent functioning of people with disabilities or chronic conditions, the frail aged and the terminally ill.</p> <p>At Westmead Hospital, funds have been utilised to increase medical officers' coverage on weekends and to employ a Staff Specialist and support staff. The Area Health Service has admitted some 5 per cent more patients through the Emergency Department whilst reducing restricted access (life threatening only) by 50 per cent. At Blacktown Hospital, funding has been targeted towards cardiac patients, resulting in quicker access to coronary care units, cardiac rehabilitation and an increased pool of skilled staff.</p> <p>During 2000-2001, 54 Mercedes Benz Ambulances replaced Ford "F" Series vehicles in Western Sydney.</p>

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<p><b><i>Drug and Alcohol Services</i></b></p> <p>The Government is implementing a broad-ranging set of programs following the New South Wales Drug Summit in May 1999.</p>	<p>The Youth Drug Court Pilot Program, based at Campbelltown Local Court, commenced in July 2000 for two years. It applies intensive judicial supervision and case management techniques for young offenders charged with criminal offences that stem from drug and/or alcohol use. Offenders are referred to programs to eliminate or reduce their drug misuse, reduce their related criminal behaviour and increase their ability to function as law-abiding members of the community. Funding is provided to meet employment costs of a Temporary Magistrate, a Program Co-ordinator, an Aboriginal Client Service Specialist, a Sheriff's Officer for security purposes, clerical support and associated costs, as well as the use of Legal Aid services when required.</p> <p>At the end of February 2001 the Adult Drug Court at Parramatta had 173 participants on its program with a further 29 awaiting assessment. Under certain appropriate circumstances, offenders may be directed towards rehabilitation treatment, rather than custodial sentences. During 2000-2001, 14 young offenders graduated from the program. The Legal Aid Commission allocated \$174,000 for legal aid representation in some 204 Drug Court matters.</p> <p>The Fairfield Drug Action Team developed a Drug Action Plan for 2001. This Action Team is part of the NSW Government Drugs and Community Action Strategy.</p> <p>The Premier's Department has appointed project managers in Western and South Western Sydney. In Western Sydney, Community Drug Action Teams (CDAT) have been established in Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Penrith, Auburn, and Parramatta. A Strategic Directions Statement has been endorsed. In South Western Sydney, a Regional Plan of Action has been prepared to assist stakeholders to adopt a government/community partnership approach to drug issue management. Five CDATs have been established in Airds/Bradbury, Bankstown, Canterbury, Fairfield and Liverpool and all are developing action plans.</p> <p>Assistance was provided to Fairfield City Council to develop a policy on reducing drug abuse in Fairfield and linkages were established between the council and the Department of Corrective Services to improve the collection and disposal of used needles and syringes in the Cabramatta area.</p>

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<p>The Government has allocated around <b>\$13 million</b> in 2000-2001 for <b>drug initiatives and related community programs</b> in Western Sydney including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ an additional 13 residential rehabilitation places for non-government organisations;</li> <li>◆ ambulatory detoxification service (\$0.3 million) and new residential detoxification service (\$3.4 million) in Wentworth Area Health Service and ambulatory detoxification service in South Western Sydney Area Health Service (\$0.2 million);</li> <li>◆ a new methadone counselling service in Fairfield (\$0.4 million);</li> <li>◆ Pharmacotherapy drug treatment services (\$2 million);</li> <li>◆ the appointment of a Service Access and Data Co-ordinator to assist in improving information relating to access and the provision of drug treatment services.</li> </ul>	<p>An additional 9 new beds were established, 5 at Odyssey House in the South Western Sydney Area Health Service and 4 in the Western Sydney Area Health Service. It was not possible to establish the remaining 4 beds as suitable non-government organisations were not identified.</p> <p>Ambulatory detoxification and home detoxification services have been established in South Western Sydney and Wentworth Area Health Services. As at 31 December 2000, 257 clients in South Western Sydney had been assessed for ambulatory detoxification and 51 had undertaken detoxification. The Wentworth Area Health Service assessed approximately 500 clients in 2000-2001.</p> <p>A site is yet to be identified for this drug treatment service.</p> <p>Funds have been allocated to Pharmacotherapy drug treatment services to expand the number of new places within methadone treatment and increase the case management of methadone clients. There was an increase of 485 clients between January and November 2000.</p> <p>The three Area Health Services in Western Sydney received Drug Summit funds to appoint a Service Access and Data Co-ordinator. Central intake lines have been established and the National Minimum Data Set has been introduced.</p>
<p><b><i>Education and Training</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ approximately <b>\$1.44 billion</b> in <b>operating costs for primary and secondary schools</b>;</li> <li>◆ over <b>\$45 million</b> on major <b>capital works projects for schools</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$29 million</b> on <b>school building maintenance</b>;</li> <li>◆ approximately <b>\$252 million</b> in <b>operating costs for TAFE Institutes</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$12.1 million</b> for the <b>development and refurbishment of TAFE facilities</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>In 2000-2001, the Department of Education and Training spent approximately \$1.44 billion in operating costs for over 220,000 students in Western Sydney's primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Over \$36 million was spent on major capital works for schools in Western Sydney.</p> <p>\$32 million was spent on school building maintenance.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, \$264.3 million was spent on operating costs for TAFE Institutes in Western Sydney.</p> <p>\$13.5 million was spent on the development and refurbishment of TAFE facilities at Bankstown, Campbelltown, Kingswood, Blacktown, Liverpool, Wetherill Park, Miller, Macquarie Fields and Mount Druitt.</p>

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<p>The Government will continue to implement its <b>Computers in Schools Policy</b> which has provided schools in Western Sydney with more than \$38.7 million worth of computer equipment.</p> <p>Schools in the region will be provided with a Computer Co-ordinator's Grant of \$5.3 million and a Technology Grant of \$5 million. An additional \$1.13 million will be allocated to the Technology in Learning and Teaching Program.</p> <p>Over <b>\$17 million</b> will be made available for the <b>Back-to-School Allowance</b>.</p> <p>Over <b>\$30 million</b> will be provided for literacy and numeracy strategies as part of the <b>State Literacy and Numeracy Plan</b>.</p>	<p>The value of computer equipment supplied to schools in Western Sydney under this initiative is \$38.7 million and will be increased to more than \$49 million by June 2003. This will provide schools with more than 29,000 computers. Equipment is replaced at the end of the three-year lease period.</p> <p>A Computer Co-ordinator's Grant of \$5.4 million and a Technology Grant of \$4 million were provided to schools in Western Sydney.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, approximately \$1.17 million was expended in Western Sydney on the Technology in Learning and Teaching (TILT) Program. TILT components 7 and 8 were conducted in 3 Western Sydney education districts leading to a TAFE Level 2 Certificate in Information Technology. 800 teachers in Western Sydney were trained under the program. TILT Plus programs were piloted in 5 Western Sydney education districts in Semester 2, 2000 (268 participants) and implemented in all districts in Semester 1, 2001 with a total of 578 places allocated to Western Sydney. A total of 846 TILT Plus places were allocated in Western Sydney for 2000-2001. TILT teacher support network groups are operating in 3 Western Sydney education districts.</p> <p>\$17 million in Back to School Allowances was distributed to families in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 to help them meet the costs of schooling their children.</p> <p>Over \$30 million was provided for literacy and numeracy strategies in schools throughout Western Sydney in 2000-2001. The literacy and numeracy needs of students in the region are identified through the Basic Skills Test in Years 3 and 5, the English Language and Literacy Assessment test in Years 7 and 8 and the Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program in Year 7. By using these assessment programs, resources continue to be targeted to students in Western Sydney who most need support for literacy and numeracy learning. Initiatives and resources in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All education districts have the support of a literacy consultant and a mathematics consultant. These consultants work with primary and secondary schools and teachers to meet the literacy and numeracy needs of students from Kindergarten to Year 8;</li> <li>◆ Schools received support to assist teachers to implement current literacy policies, <i>Focus on literacy: writing</i>, <i>Focus on literacy: spelling</i> and <i>Teaching spelling K-6</i>;</li> </ul>

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<p>In 2000-2001, <b>\$8.6 million</b> has been allocated for the new <b>Mt Druitt multi-campus college</b> to provide excellent school education, TAFE and university opportunities.</p> <p><b>\$7.8 million</b> will be provided in 2000-2001 to socio-economically <b>disadvantaged schools</b> in Western Sydney.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 7 linkages consultants have been appointed to support teachers of students in Years 5 to 8 to ensure the continued academic and social development of students as they move from primary to secondary school;</li> <li>◆ In addition to the newly appointed linkages consultants, the 9 education districts in the region have received over \$400,000 in funding for middle years literacy and numeracy initiatives, with a further allocation of approximately \$280,000 to be distributed during 2001;</li> <li>◆ 44 secondary schools were provided with the opportunity to participate in the TAFE accredited peer tutor training program for senior students to support junior students with their reading;</li> <li>◆ The <i>Count Me In Too</i> early numeracy program, which operates in 233 primary schools, supports the effective teaching of numeracy in the crucial early years;</li> <li>◆ The <i>Counting On</i> program, which addresses the needs of students who have difficulty in demonstrating the expected mathematics outcomes for Year 6, is operating in 18 secondary schools and 18 related primary schools;</li> <li>◆ Over \$6 million has been allocated for the Reading Recovery Program in regional schools;</li> <li>◆ 8 Reading Recovery tutors undertook training of teachers in the education districts of Parramatta, Mount Druitt, Penrith, Campbelltown, Granville, Fairfield and Liverpool;</li> <li>◆ 5 Reading Recovery teacher-training centres have been established; and</li> <li>◆ 102 teaching positions were allocated to schools and more than 2,000 students from 193 primary schools will benefit through participation in Reading Recovery.</li> </ul> <p>\$2.7 million was expended in 2000-2001 on the new Mt Druitt multi-campus college.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, support was provided to 138 schools in Western Sydney within the Priority Schools Funding Program. \$5.4 million was provided in direct grants and an additional 125 teachers were appointed to support 67,648 students.</p>

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<p>The <b>Student Assistance Scheme</b> provides financial support to those students in greatest need. It is expected that over <b>\$1.4 million</b> will be distributed under the scheme to Western Sydney schools in 2000-2001.</p> <p>An additional <b>\$150,000</b> will be allocated for the <b>TAFE Youth at Risk Program</b> in the region in 2000-2001.</p> <p>An estimated <b>\$300,000</b> will be provided to schools in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 to enable year 9 to 12 students to <b>develop individual school to work plans</b>.</p> <p>The <b>TAFE NSW Scholarship Scheme</b> will support further study for young people who have successfully completed vocational education and training courses as part of their HSC over years 11 and 12. The first scholarships will be offered to students completing their HSC in 2000 for study commencing in 2001.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, funding of <b>\$200,000</b> will be available to students in government secondary schools in Western Sydney to undertake <b>study of languages overseas</b>.</p>	<p>Additional funds were provided to some schools in Western Sydney as part of the Government's commitment to improve learning outcomes for students from socio-economically disadvantaged communities. Initiatives successfully piloted in 2000 and 2001 have been commended by students, parents and teachers. The program evaluation data available to-date provides evidence of improved literacy outcomes as monitored by schools, as well as an improved capacity to effectively monitor students' progress in literacy.</p> <p>An amount of \$1.4 million was distributed to schools in Western Sydney to support students.</p> <p>\$265,000 was allocated in 2000-2001 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$101,000 to Western Sydney Institute of TAFE for TAFE Link, Child Studies for Young Parents and continuation of Certificate in General Vocational Education for Homeless Youth;</li> <li>◆ \$106,000 to South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE for programs including Certificate in Work Skills for Early School Leavers, Granville Alternative Learning Program and Youth at Risk project at Claymore; and</li> <li>◆ \$58,000 to Bankstown and Lidcombe colleges for Work Skills Certificate courses for young people.</li> </ul> <p>Around \$270,000 was provided to schools to implement the school to work planning initiative. Approximately 16,000 students in 97 schools in Western Sydney were supported to develop school to work plans. Careers advisers have been trained in school to work planning and additional training was made available in 2000-2001. All schools have been provided with teacher and student resources on school to work planning.</p> <p>Over 20,000 students are expected to meet entry requirements to the scheme under the new HSC. The number of scholarships have been capped at 5,000 and there will be no clear indication of results until October 2001, when all applications have been processed.</p> <p>\$275,000 was allocated to 207 students from 13 schools in Western Sydney to undertake intensive language study overseas in 2000-2001.</p>

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<p>Approximately <b>\$2.6 million</b> will be expended by schools in Western Sydney under the new <b>Vocational Education and Training in Schools Program</b> for the provision of vocational training by both TAFE and private providers.</p>	<p>In 2000-2001, approximately \$3.1 million was distributed to schools in Western Sydney under the program. This enabled school students to receive TAFE credentials with pathways to further study and employment while also gaining credit under the new HSC structure.</p>
<p><b>Women</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Department for Women has allocated <b>\$90,000</b> to the Western Sydney project.</p> <p>Other programs which will assist women in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 include:</p>	<p>The Department for Women continued to develop projects in a partnership with the Office of Western Sydney. The program included projects to support women's participation and access to skills and resources in IT. Women representing 24 community sector organisations in Fairfield, Campbelltown and Mt Druitt attended one-day workshops on the use of IT and the Internet as an access and equity tool for women.</p> <p>The Department for Women allocated more than \$63,000 to 5 projects through the 2000 Women's Grants Program for women in Western Sydney, including: \$20,000 to Burnside Newpin for a Choir project aimed at raising disadvantaged women's awareness of women's issues; almost \$15,000 to Families in Partnership for a pilot training course in empowerment skills for mothers of developmentally disabled children in South West Sydney; and \$15,000 to Barnardos Penrith and Family centre Cranebrook for the establishment of an Internet Cafe for isolated disadvantaged women.</p> <p>The Department for Women's ongoing work on safety for women includes Western Sydney, and the WomenSafe Forum held in November 2000 contained strategies relating to building safety for women in public places across the region. The Department also contributed to the WSROC <i>Whose Place?</i> Conference held in Parramatta in March 2001.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Significant funds for <b>Women's Health Services</b>;</li>   <li>◆ The <b>Women in Business Mentor Program</b> - \$22,000 has been allocated to assist approximately 30 businesswomen;</li>   <li>◆ <b>Women in Business Growth Strategies Workshops</b>;</li>   <li>◆ <b>Violence Against Women Strategy</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>More than \$1.4 million was expended on women's health programs. \$162,000 was been provided to Daruk and Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Services, non-government organisations in the Wentworth and South Western Sydney Area Health Services, to support improving birthing outcomes for Aboriginal women. \$685,000 was provided to support programs to improve the health of women through ethnic obstetrics, and for health promotion including smoking prevention. Non-government women's health organisations throughout Western Sydney including Bankstown Community Health Centre, Benevolent Society and St Mary's Community Development organisation, received \$500,000 to provide a range of services including cancer prevention, counselling and interventions to improve the health of women.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, around \$4 million was expended on breast cancer screening and assessment services in Western Sydney and an estimated 60,000 screening mammograms were carried out on women over 40 years of age.</p> <p>Expenditure of approximately \$200,000 was incurred in the development and implementation of resources and projects to encourage women to have Pap smears every two years. Additional State-wide projects, including the development of education materials for general practitioners and media campaigns, will also benefit the women of Western Sydney.</p> <p>This Program was conducted from July to November 2000 in Western Sydney to assist 15 businesses women and a second program was held in April 2001.</p> <p>A workshop was conducted in November 2000 in Western Sydney with 45 women in attendance. A further 2 workshops, with around 100 women attendees, were held in the first half of 2001.</p> <p>The NSW Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Women has Regional Violence Prevention Specialists based at Parramatta, Penrith and Liverpool. These positions are jointly funded by the Attorney General's Department, the Department of Community Services, the Police Service and NSW Health. The specialists are working on a number of projects aimed at increasing access to services and information for Aboriginal women and women from non-English speaking backgrounds (NESB). They include the Home + Harmony = Happiness Project, to improve relationships between police and NESB communities.</p>

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	<p>Some 18 Domestic Violence Liaison Officers within Western Sydney are involved in a range of projects to improve women's safety and prevent domestic violence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Exploring options for a safe-house for Aboriginal women; and</li> <li>◆ Participating in the Anti-violence and Street Safety Campaign for elderly and vulnerable women.</li> </ul> <p>The Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme provides support for women during the process of applying for an Apprehended Violence Order. It aims to inform women about the legal process and options available to them with a view to ensuring they receive the legal protection they require. The scheme operates in Bankstown, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Campbelltown, Liverpool/Fairfield, Parramatta, Penrith/Mt Druitt and Windsor. More than \$600,000 was allocated to the scheme in Western Sydney in 2000-2001.</p>
<p><b><i>Services for children and families</i></b></p> <p>The <b>Families First Strategy</b>, designed to extend the parenting skills of parents with children under eight years of age, will be allocated <b>\$4.48 million</b> in 2000-2001 for prevention and early intervention services to support families in South Western Sydney.</p>	<p>In 2000-2001, the Department of Community Services allocated \$3.64 million to South West Sydney including \$800,000 for new family support services and \$928,000 for volunteer home visiting strategies. As a result of this strategy, a new service network for families in Macarthur has developed.</p> <p>Women who don't access ante-natal care, or access it very late in their pregnancy, are now offered ante-natal care at home. When the nurse assesses the expectant mother's needs, the mother is either linked with appropriate services or continues to be visited by the nurse. A specific ante-natal home visiting service is now operating for Aboriginal families.</p> <p>Early childhood nurses are available for home visits to women who have delivered their babies, within two weeks after discharge from hospital. Following assessment, mothers are linked, where appropriate, with other specialist services in the network such as child and family counsellors; mental health services; drug and alcohol services; family support services; or a parent group. 4 extra nursing positions have been funded. During home visits, nurses are not only helping parents with their newborn babies but are also detecting difficulties being experienced by older children in the family, such as with hearing and speech.</p>

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<p>The Commission for Children and Young People will be co-ordinating the process of <b>screening people who will be working with children and young people</b> in Western Sydney, at a cost of <b>\$120,000</b> in 2000-2001. In addition, the Commission will be conducting a <b>public inquiry</b> at a cost of some <b>\$10,000</b>, into children who have no one to turn to and <b>\$40,000</b> will be allocated in Western Sydney on research.</p>	<p>Parents without their own family or friends to help with young children can now be linked to trained volunteer parents for support. The Benevolent Society is operating the new volunteer home visiting service and some 46 volunteers are involved. Families are mainly referred by the early childhood health nurses. This initiative was funded to the extent of \$460,000 in 2000-2001.</p> <p>The Campbelltown Family Support Service has established a team to visit families under stress or who need help to parent their children. \$200,000 was allocated for this initiative.</p> <p>In Macquarie Fields a comprehensive support network for families from pregnancy to kindergarten has started. This includes an ante-natal group; ante-natal home visiting; early childhood nurse home visiting; supported play group; pre-school session; and transition to school programs. Most of these services are co-ordinated through the Curran Schools as Community Centre.</p> <p>Funding of \$120,000 was allocated in 2000-2001 to the Northcott Society to provide a peer support program for families with children with disabilities and to assist family support agencies provide care and support for families with children with disabilities.</p> <p>Similar Families First service networks are also being developed in Bankstown, Liverpool and Fairfield where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Karitane has been funded \$460,000 per annum to provide a volunteer home visiting service;</li> <li>◆ Bankstown Family Support Service has been funded \$200,000 to provide support for families with very young children; and</li> <li>◆ Fairfield Centacare, Burnside Fairfield Family Support and Anglicare have been funded \$200,000 in total to work together to support families with young children.</li> </ul> <p>The Commission has co-ordinated the employment screening process that includes a national criminal check and a check of all relevant completed disciplinary actions during the last five years. During 2000-2001, the Commission conducted a public inquiry into <i>children who have no one to turn to</i>. The inquiry received many submissions and conducted meetings throughout the State, including Western Sydney. The findings of the inquiry will be published in 2001-2002. Also in 2000-2001, the Commission commenced research into issues for monitoring the safety, welfare and well-being of children.</p>

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<p>Funding of the <b>Schools as Community Centres Program</b> will be continued in 2000-2001 with approximately <b>\$95,000</b> to be expended in Western Sydney.</p> <p>The <b>Department of Juvenile Justice</b> will continue the following programs in Western Sydney in 2000-2001:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Intensive Program Units</b> at Blacktown and Liverpool, at an estimated <b>\$1.2 million</b>;</li>   <li>◆ <b>Juvenile Justice Community Services</b> at Blacktown, Fairfield and Campbelltown;</li> </ul>	<p>In 2000-2001, the Community Centre at Curran Public School continued to operate at a cost of \$95,000 and a Community Centre was established at Rosemeadow Public School in March 2001 at a cost of \$30,000.</p> <p>An Intensive Programs Unit based at Blacktown and community-based counsellors at Fairfield and Campbelltown provide case management services designed to assess and address offending behaviour and provide individual and group counselling as an alternative to detention. Specialist Counsellors and Forensic Psychologists staff these units and provide counselling for young offenders convicted of serious violent offending, sexual and drug and alcohol offences. Forensic Psychologists also provide specialist reports at the request of the courts. In 2000-2001, an estimated 415 requests for assessment of young people to participate in these programs were received and approximately 485 young people commenced specialist supervision.</p> <p>Casework management and extensive networking with other government and community based services assist juvenile offenders in minimising offending behaviour and complying with court orders. Juvenile Justice Officers provide support to young people with welfare problems seeking bail, prepare assessment reports for the courts and facilitate court-directed supervision for offenders placed on good behaviour bonds, probation or parole and community service orders.</p> <p>Pre-release and contracted post release support services establish regular contact with young people before they leave custody to prepare and support them in their transition to the community. This can include finding accommodation, dealing with relationship difficulties, finding employment, developing employment skills or supporting the young person's return to school.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, Juvenile Justice Community Services located in Western Sydney received approximately 1,216 requests to prepare assessment court reports for juvenile offenders. In addition, approximately 531 young people commenced post release support, parole and court ordered community service under the supervision of these offices.</p>

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<p>◆ <b>Community Based Support Services;</b></p>	<p>Mentors and sessional supervisors are employed to assist the Department's clients in Western Sydney. Mentors offer individual support, improve community reintegration for young people on supervised orders, provide greater access to community resources and ensure higher levels of support for families. To provide additional support for Aboriginal clients and clients from non English speaking backgrounds in Western Sydney, three Aboriginal mentors and four mentors from non-English speaking backgrounds are employed. Sessional Supervisors supervise and monitor work placements for clients serving community service orders resulting in the development of placements that have greater community relevance and afford young people completing community service orders the opportunity to provide appropriate restitution to the community.</p> <p>Post-release support services are provided to young offenders on their release from Juvenile Justice Centres. The program addresses areas such as accommodation, education and employment. In 2000-2001, \$139,000 was allocated to community organisations to support programs at Cabramatta and Penrith.</p> <p>The Department also provided almost \$84,000 in funding to Marist Community Services for an accommodation support worker in Blacktown. Accommodation support services are provided to clients of the Department in the Blacktown, Penrith, Parramatta and Hawkesbury local government areas who are considered difficult to place.</p> <p>The Penrith Streetwork Project, which administers the Pacific Islander Resource Service, received \$65,900 in 2000-2001 to provide staff and clients of the Department with culturally specific information in relation to the assessment, case planning and reintegration of young offenders of Pacific Islander backgrounds.</p> <p>The Ja-Biah Bail Support Program at Dean Park, was allocated \$330,000 in 2000-2001. Ja-Biah is an accommodation service that provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young offenders on bail, culturally appropriate assistance, accommodation and an alternative to custody.</p> <p>\$44,000 was provided to the South West Multicultural and Community Centre located at Minto to conduct the Aboriginal Young Offender Program in 2000-2001. This is a crime prevention program based on lifestyle and community re-integration.</p>

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<p>◆ <b>Youth Justice Conferencing</b> – approximately \$800,000;</p> <p>◆ <b>Accommodation Support Program.</b></p>	<p>Youth Justice Conferencing is a diversionary scheme established under the <i>Young Offenders Act 1997</i> to bring young offenders, their families and supporters together with the victim and their supporters. The scheme has been designed to divert young people away from the court system and to assist them to take steps towards repairing the harm they have caused and accepting responsibility for their actions. Four conference administrators are located at Blacktown, Campbelltown, Werrington and Fairfield. Approximately 329 conferences were held in Western Sydney in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Since 1998-1999, the Department has received funding to implement the recommendations from the Wood Royal Commission relating to accommodation support for homeless young people who are at risk of drifting into the juvenile justice system. During 2000-2001 total funding of \$25,000 was provided to the <i>Getting it Together Scheme</i>, administered by Marist Community Services and the <i>Penrith Streetwork Project</i>. Both agencies use the funds to secure private rental accommodation or public housing for homeless young people by providing the required bond payment. The funding is also used to meet clients' auxiliary accommodation needs such as furniture and to assist with electricity and water bills.</p>
<p><b><i>Services for older people and people with special needs</i></b></p> <p>It is expected that in 2000-2001, the <b>Home Care Service of NSW</b> will spend approximately <b>\$28.5 million</b> providing services to the Western Sydney community.</p> <p>In 2000–2001, <b>Home and Community Care</b> funding for Western Sydney is anticipated to exceed <b>\$2.5 million</b> (Nepean \$620,000; Cumberland/Prospect \$810,000; and \$1.1 million for South West Sydney).</p>	<p>Home Care expects to deliver approximately 680,000 hours of service to over 7500 clients in Western Sydney during 2000-2001. This represents an increase of 43,000 hours over the previous year, due to both efficiencies achieved in reducing administrative expenditure and additional funding as part of the Government's Boarding House Reform Program. Home Care's Central Office is located in Parramatta, representing a strong focus on the interests of Western Sydney.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, Home and Community Care funding totalled \$2.447 million in recurrent funding for Western Sydney, including Home Care. (Nepean \$588,000, Cumberland /Prospect \$768,000 and South West Sydney \$1.09 million). Funds were used to expand the range of services for frail older people, younger people with disabilities and their carers in Western Sydney. New services established included the provision of centre-based respite care, transport, home maintenance and modification, personal care and domestic assistance services.</p>

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<p>Recurrent funding for services in Western Sydney under the <b>Disability Services Program</b> will total <b>\$62.2 million</b> in 2000-2001 (Nepean \$12.23 million; Cumberland/Prospect \$29.9 million; and South West Sydney \$20.03 million).</p> <p>In 2000-2001, more than \$270 million will be allocated Sydney-wide to fund subsidised pensioner travel on public transport. In addition, more than \$25 million will be expended on Transport Assistance Programs.</p> <p>Total subsidies of <b>\$12 million</b> are expected to be provided to Western Sydney local councils in 2000-2001 under the <b>Subsidies for Pensioner Concessions Program</b> for shire and municipal rates relief.</p>	<p>Funds for new services in 2000-2001 have been allocated through an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to a range of service types which will enhance the capacity of the service system in these areas. Service types include respite care, recreation, day program services, intensive family support, flexible support options and early childhood intervention services. Additional funds will also be allocated through the devolution of residential centres, the Boarding House Reform Program and the new Service Access System. These funds will be used to develop long term support options and will include a range of accommodation support services. It is expected that funds will be distributed through a range of methods including EOIs to projects/programs.</p> <p>In excess of 228 million concession trips will be provided in 2000-2001 by private and public transport operators across the State. An additional 169,000 passenger trips will be provided in 2000-2001 by community transport operators in Western Sydney to assist eligible clients with medical or hospital related trips, to go shopping, attend day care centres or other social and recreational activities.</p> <p>The Department provided \$12.1 million to the 14 Western Sydney local councils for rate rebates to pensioners.</p>
<p><b>Aboriginal people</b></p> <p><b>Aboriginal Health Services</b> will be allocated <b>\$1.2 million</b> in 2000-2001. Non Government Organisation grants of approximately \$0.7 million will also be made to Aboriginal Health Services.</p>	<p>A main area of expenditure of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs is the Major Grants Program which provides financial assistance of up to \$45,000 to Indigenous people and organisations that wish to implement innovative programs that will address the socio-economic disadvantage of members of the Aboriginal community. Funds from the Grants Program are allocated to projects that have the potential to deliver long term benefits and reflect the social justice priorities of the NSW Government and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.</p> <p>Funds of over \$1.6 million were committed to Western Sydney for various programs including the employment of Aboriginal Education Officers and Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officers. In addition, grants totalling \$944,000 were made to non-Government organisations including \$530,000 to Daruk Aboriginal Medical Service which, in partnership with the Wentworth Area Health Service, provides obstetrics and psychology services to the local Aboriginal community.</p>

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<p>The Attorney General's Department will appoint four additional Aboriginal Court Liaison Officers, with one position to be a Specialist Children's Court officer based at Campbelltown Local Court.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, a total of <b>\$2.265 million</b> has been allocated to the <b>Housing Aboriginal Communities Program</b>. In addition <b>\$340,000</b> has been allocated to the <b>Aboriginal Housing Office Program</b> in Parramatta and \$440,000 for sector support and resourcing throughout the Sydney Region.</p> <p>The Department of Fair Trading will continue to support initiatives aimed at assisting the Aboriginal community in Western Sydney under its <b>Aboriginal Strategy</b>, with some <b>\$154,000</b> allocated in 2000-2001.</p> <p>The <b>NSW Police Service</b> oversees a number of initiatives concerned with Aboriginal communities in Western Sydney such as :</p> <p><b>Police Service Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers Scheme</b></p>	<p>As part of the Police and Courts Services Project, four additional Aboriginal Client Service Specialists have been employed in New South Wales. One officer is located at Campbelltown in the Children's Court/Youth Drug Court and another at Penrith.</p> <p>In 2001-2001 expenditure included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ An additional \$67,500 was allocated to the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) to complete the acquisition of 3 units in Blacktown;</li> <li>◆ Almost \$1.2 million for the acquisition of 5 units in Glenmore Park;</li> <li>◆ \$445,000 for 2 units in Rooty Hill for the Deerubbin LALC;</li> <li>◆ More than \$2.8 million allocation to Gandangarra LALC for the acquisition of 4 units in Liverpool, 3 units in Wattlegrove and 1 unit in Panania;</li> <li>◆ \$450,000 for the backlog of repairs and maintenance of community managed properties throughout Sydney;</li> <li>◆ \$484,000 for community and organisational development throughout the Sydney Region; and</li> <li>◆ Approximately \$6.6 million to upgrade 331 NSW Aboriginal Housing Office properties in Western Sydney.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated expenditure for 2000-2001 is \$164,000. The program has resulted in: 1,500 participants in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community liaison activities; Aboriginal Department of Fair Trading Library displays at Blacktown and Mt Druitt TAFE; and a number of inter-agency meetings with the Tenancy Advocacy Service Aboriginal Case Worker.</p> <p>Under the Police Service Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers Scheme, 3 officers service Campbelltown, Liverpool, Macquarie Fields, Green Valley, Camden, Mt Druitt and Blacktown Local Area Commands on issues relating to policing in Aboriginal communities.</p>

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<p><b>Local Area Command Aboriginal Consultative Committees</b></p> <p><b>Regional Aboriginal Advisory Committee</b></p> <p><b>Blue Light Discos</b></p> <p><b>Police/Aboriginal Support Groups Program</b></p>	<p>Local Area Command Aboriginal Consultative Committees, with community representation, are based at Campbelltown and Mt. Druitt. Their aim is to improve consultation with the Aboriginal community and involve the community in crime prevention initiatives at the local level.</p> <p>Based at Campbelltown, the Regional Aboriginal Advisory Committee aims to improve consultation with the Aboriginal community and involve the community in crime prevention initiatives at a regional level.</p> <p>Blue Light Discos are held each month by the Police and Community Youth Clubs at Blacktown, Mt Druitt and Liverpool. Aboriginal young people are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>The Police/Aboriginal Support Groups Program has been successful in improving relationships between Police and the Aboriginal community within Western Sydney.</p>
<p><b><i>The Casino Community Benefit Fund</i></b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Government will be committing <b>\$214,000</b> for gambling support and community development projects in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>Funds totalling more than \$1.5 million were allocated to 28 projects in 2000-2001 for the establishment of new or enhanced information, counselling and other support programs or services to counter gambling-related problems in the Western Sydney community. Grants included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$315,000 to the Community Relations Commission of NSW and the Western Sydney Area Health Service for a new multicultural problem gambling counselling and treatment service and specialised training programs for bilingual counsellors;</li> <li>◆ \$176,000 to Penrith Wesley Gambling Counselling Services;</li> <li>◆ \$144,000 to Parramatta Centacare Catholic Family Services; and</li> <li>◆ \$123,000 to the Maryfields Day Recovery Centre and Wesley Mission Serenity House, in the Macarthur area, for education, counselling and therapy programs for persons with gambling problems.</li> </ul>

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<p><b><i>Housing</i></b></p> <p>In addition to the capital housing allocation in 2000-2001 to the Department of Housing allocations have been made for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$1.263 million</b> for 246 new <b>short and long term leased properties</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$4.3 million</b> for the construction or purchase of 16 <b>new crisis accommodation properties</b> and <b>\$0.11 million</b> for 10 new <b>leased crisis accommodation properties</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$0.938 million</b> for <b>capital improvements</b> to more than 90 existing <b>crisis accommodation dwellings</b>.</li> <li>◆ <b>Private rental assistance</b>, including more than 300 people living with a disability or people with HIV/AIDS.</li> </ul> <p>An estimated 4,000 households will be newly assisted in public and community housing.</p>	<p>An amount of \$4.7 million is expected to be spent on 521 new public and community housing short and long-term leased properties in Western Sydney. These include 397 public housing and 124 community housing leased properties.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, \$4.3 million was spent to complete construction or purchase of 23 new crisis accommodation properties.</p> <p>\$750,000 was spent on capital improvements to more than 90 existing crisis accommodation dwellings in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Housing assistance programs administered by the Department provided assistance to 8,169 households in Western Sydney with the majority of these households assisted to obtain private rental accommodation. Currently there are approximately 270 households receiving special and disability assistance in Western Sydney.</p> <p>A total of 4,200 new households were assisted through the provision of newly completed homes, newly leased homes and properties vacated within existing stock. Around 3,600 new households have been housed in public housing and 570 under community housing.</p>
<p><b><i>Sport and Recreation</i></b></p> <p>A total of <b>\$585,000</b> has been allocated to the Western Sydney and South Western Sydney Regional Academies of Sport and the NSW Institute of Sport.</p>	<p>The two Academies of Sport each received a \$100,000 grant to provide opportunities for talented junior athletes. Overall 317 athletes and 62 coaches were supported. Total State funding for the NSW Institute of Sport in 2000-2001 was \$5.7 million and the number of Institute athletes represented on national sports teams was approximately 435. \$350,000 was spent in Western Sydney on upgrading the Institute's sporting equipment.</p>

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<p>In addition, the Department of Sport and Recreation will spend <b>\$430,000</b> in 2000-2001 on programs and services in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Around <b>\$850,000</b> has been allocated for the <b>development of sporting facilities</b> in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 under the Capital Assistance Program and the Regional Sports Facility Program.</p>	<p>Programs and services worth approximately \$557,000 were delivered in Western Sydney in 2000-2001. The numbers of participants are shown in brackets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 624 Swimsafe programs (5,780);</li> <li>◆ 4 Police and Community Youth Clubs (over 1,000);</li> <li>◆ 30 Introductory Opportunities Programs (1,280);</li> <li>◆ Coach Education (420);</li> <li>◆ Leadership Program (535);</li> <li>◆ 43 Vacation Sports Programs (over 800);</li> <li>◆ Accreditation of Fitness Leaders (120) and Austswim Instructors (40);</li> <li>◆ 18 Sports Development Programs (175); and</li> <li>◆ 25 Aquafitness Programs (425).</li> </ul> <p>In 2000-2001, approximately \$885,000 was granted under the Capital Assistance Program for projects ranging from floodlighting of ovals to shade cloth covering for playground equipment. In addition, \$80,000 was granted to the Campbelltown Sports Stadium under the Regional Sports Facility Program for the construction of a club and operations room.</p>
<p><b>Public Safety</b></p> <p>The NSW Police Service Western Sydney budget for 2000-2001 will be around <b>\$218 million</b>.</p>	<p>In 2000-2001, the NSW Police Service expended a total of \$1.766 million on major and minor works and maintenance to properties in 13 Western Sydney Local Area Commands.</p> <p>The Service launched Safer by Design training in 2001 with town planners working in local government being taught how to apply the principles of crime prevention through environmental design to the assessment of development applications.</p> <p>14 Youth Liaison Officers are appointed across Western Sydney to assist with crime prevention programs and to educate other police about youth issues.</p> <p>Joint Investigation Response Teams are comprised of specialists from the Police Service and the Department of Community Services. The teams, located at Penrith, Liverpool and Parramatta, respond to child abuse matters in Western Sydney. Outcomes for the year 2000 were:</p>

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<p>The Attorney General's Department has awarded the Hawkesbury City Council a <b>Safer Community Compact grant</b> of nearly \$142,000 over two years to implement components of its <b>Crime Prevention Plan</b>. In addition, <b>Safer Towns and Cities grants</b>, to be expended over two years, have been awarded by the Department to Canterbury/Bankstown City Councils (\$120,000) and Fairfield City Council (\$122,000) for the development of local crime prevention plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Liverpool Team (Liverpool, Campbelltown and Fairfield local government areas) - 395 notifications accepted for investigation; 35 persons arrested; and 33 Apprehended Violence Orders;</li> <li>◆ The Penrith Team (Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Penrith and part of Blacktown local government areas) 258 notifications accepted for investigation; 43 persons arrested; and 43 Apprehended Violence Orders; and</li> <li>◆ The Parramatta Team (Auburn, Holroyd, Baulkham Hills, Parramatta and part of Blacktown local government areas) - 220 notifications accepted for investigation; 49 persons arrested; and 30 Apprehended Violence Orders.</li> </ul> <p>The Hawkesbury City Council project is now in the second year of implementation. The Safer Towns and Cities project has been running for over a year. Fairfield City Council has also received an innovative grant of \$18,250 to fund the Family Connections Early Intervention project. These projects continued in 2001-2002.</p> <p>Work also continued with a number of Western Sydney councils to support Crime Prevention Plans.</p>
<p><b>Corrective Services</b></p> <p>A total of approximately <b>\$128.5 million</b> has been allocated for recurrent expenditure in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 for the <b>containment and care of inmates</b>, for the <b>Probation and Parole Service</b> and for <b>Attendance Centres</b>.</p>	<p>This amount was expended in 2000-2001 by the Department of Corrective Services in Western Sydney.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Cultural Diversity</b></p> <p>State-wide in 2000-2001, almost \$80 million will be spent by the Department of Education and Training under the <b>Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) Program</b> and over <b>\$3.5 million</b> will be provided for the <b>Multicultural Education Plan</b>. Major proportions of these programs will be implemented in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>In 2000-2001 students and their families in Western Sydney benefited from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 876 full-time equivalent English as a Second Language (ESL) teaching positions in schools;</li> <li>◆ 15 Intensive English Centres for newly arrived secondary aged students;</li> <li>◆ 13 Multicultural/ESL consultancy positions in education district offices;</li> </ul>

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<p>The <b>Business Migration</b> initiative will continue in 2000-2001 with a State-wide allocation from the Department of State and Regional Development of <b>\$50,000</b>.</p> <p>The Ethnic Affairs Commission will continue to provide funds under the <b>Community Development Grants Program</b>. In 2000-2001, the Commission has allocated <b>\$55,000</b> under the program for staging street festivals in Western Sydney during the four weeks leading to the Olympic Games.</p> <p><b>Ethnic Community Liaison Police Officers</b> are located within the Cabramatta, Fairfield, Lakemba, Bankstown and Campsie Local Area Commands to <b>improve relations between communities and police</b>.</p> <p>The <b>Police and Community Training Program</b> will be extended into 2000-2001 for a project in Penrith/St Marys.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ \$550,000 funding on ESL projects in schools and training and development;</li> <li>◆ \$5.5 million on short-term intensive ESL for new arrivals;</li> <li>◆ 17 full time Community Information Officers;</li> <li>◆ On site and telephone interpreter services for schools;</li> <li>◆ Grants to schools to support NESB parent participation;</li> <li>◆ Support for refugee students and their families;</li> <li>◆ Anti racism programs in schools; and</li> <li>◆ Department of Education and Training information translated into community languages.</li> </ul> <p>Business Migrant services were delivered directly to individual clients. In addition, 8 seminars/workshops held on "getting started in business", "business matching" and "trading from Australia" attracted participants from all parts of metropolitan Sydney.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Community Relations Commission provided over \$194,000 to community organisations in Western Sydney under the Community Development Grants Program. In addition, \$100,000 was allocated for the establishment of a youth café in Bankstown and funds were provided under the Community Partnership Program to the Fairfield Migrant Resource Centre. The Olympic street festival program attracted hundreds of thousands of people throughout the State. \$85,000 was spent across eleven local government areas, including four in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Ethnic Community Liaison Officers are civilian staff of the Police Service and are located at Cabramatta, Fairfield, Bankstown and Campsie Local Area Commands. With the announcement of an expansion to this program, officers will be recruited in Flemington, Mt. Druitt, Parramatta, Rosehill and Holroyd Local Area Commands.</p> <p>A Police and Community Training Project is underway in the Penrith and St Marys Local Area Commands, bringing the Police Service and the community together to address domestic violence. A second project commenced in February 2001 in Parramatta between the Local Area Command and youth workers to improve partnerships and responses to local youth.</p>

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<p>The Ethnic Affairs Commission's Language Services will continue to provide <b>interpreting and translating services</b> State-wide. The expected expenditure for the 2000-2001 budget is almost \$5 million.</p>	<p>The Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW continued to provide interpreting and translation services in Western Sydney during 2000-2001.</p>
<p><b>Arts</b></p> <p><b>\$400,000</b> has been allocated in 2000-2001 for the Government's <i>A Strategy for the Arts in Western Sydney</i>.</p> <p>2000-2001 will see the Ministry for the Arts focus more <b>Cultural Grants Program</b> expenditure towards Western Sydney, as part of the implementation of <i>A Strategy for the Arts in Western Sydney</i>.</p> <p>The Ministry for the Arts will allocate more than <b>\$480,000</b> in 2000-2001 to the Historic Houses Trust of NSW for the <b>Rouse Hill Estate museum development</b>.</p>	<p>The Ministry for the Arts established the Western Sydney Local Government Arts Incentive Fund in 2000-2001. \$238,000 was provided for 12 projects across 8 Western Sydney councils. Grants totalling almost \$56,000 were made under the new Western Sydney Artists Fund and region-wide strategic projects accounted for more than \$106,000 of expenditure under the Strategy.</p> <p>In addition to grants made under the Western Sydney Arts Strategy, in 2000-2001 the Ministry for the Arts spent \$1.553 million in Western Sydney within the following program areas: capital infrastructure \$343,000; community cultural development \$455,000; literature and history \$103,000; museums \$102,000; music \$10,500; performing arts touring \$9,800; theatre \$370,900; visual arts and crafts \$138,800; and performing arts \$20,000.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Historic Houses Trust expended \$488,000 for development works and the appointment of additional staff, to enable the museum to open 5 days per week.</p>
<p><b>Community Development</b></p> <p>The level of funding is expected to be approximately <b>\$4.7 million</b> for grants to community organisations for family and community development services under the <b>Western Sydney and Macarthur Area Assistance Schemes</b>.</p>	<p>Grants in Western Sydney and the Macarthur area, were provided to the value of \$4.2 million and \$600,000, respectively, and led to a wide range of outcomes, including: meeting community needs; supporting community development in areas experiencing social stress and rapid urban growth; promoting the development and co-ordination of social services; and improving the capacities, structures and systems that make communities function well.</p>
<p><b>PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the <b>Environment Protection Authority</b> will spend some <b>\$16.8 million</b> of its operating budget in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>\$15.2 million of the Authority's operating budget for 2000-2001 was spent in Western Sydney (the estimated \$16.8 million included \$1 million for the Blue Mountains Urban Run-off Control Program).</p>

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<p><b>Clean Air and Clean Waterways</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, <b>\$900,000</b> will be expended on the <b>Air Quality Monitoring Program</b> in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Anticipated expenditure in 2000-2001 by the Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) in Western Sydney is <b>\$0.5 million</b>, the greater part being through the <b>Energy Smart Business</b> and <b>Energy Smart Homes</b> programs.</p>	<p>Air quality measurements, made at 12 community-based locations in Western Sydney, have allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Reporting on the state of air quality in the region via the twice-daily Regional Pollution Index and the 24-hour summary; and</li> <li>◆ Reporting against the Ambient Air Quality National Environment Protection air quality standards.</li> </ul> <p>The data collected is available for use in modelling air pollution, which assists in the development of pollution control strategies. It also allows evaluation of the Government's 25-year air quality management plan, <i>Action for Air</i>. These funds also supported a program to gather information about the structure of the atmosphere in Western Sydney, to improve scientific understanding of the meteorological influences on air quality.</p> <p>SEDA's Energy Smart Business program in 2000-2001 established a number of partnerships with Western Sydney businesses to improve their energy efficiency. 26 business partners invested \$3.87 million in energy efficiency to achieve annual savings of \$1.84 million and greenhouse gas emission savings total over 40,400 tonnes per annum.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Energy Smart Homes Program established partnerships with local councils to improve quality of new housing developments. Campbelltown, Bankstown, Liverpool, Penrith and Baulkham Hills Councils have fully adopted the Energy Smart Homes Policy (house energy rating and hot water components), with annual greenhouse gas emission savings of 21,475 tonnes. Blacktown and Blue Mountains Councils have partially adopted the policy (house energy rating only) with annual savings of 2,164 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Fairfield and Parramatta Councils have signed Memorandums of Understanding to develop the policy. Potential future annual greenhouse gas emission savings are 8,998 tonnes.</p> <p>SEDA is also involved in renewable energy in Western Sydney and financial assistance was provided for a number of projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Camellia Wet Waste Facility - 86,000 tonnes per annum, \$1 million;</li> <li>◆ Rethmann Refuse Derived Fuel Facility - 17,000 tonnes per annum, \$950,000;</li> </ul>

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<p>The Government will continue to fund the operations of the <b>Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust</b> in 2000-2001, through the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC), with an allocation of almost <b>\$3.6 million</b>. In addition, the Trust will receive <b>\$300,000</b> in <b>Environmental Trust and Stormwater grants</b> from the Environmental Protection Authority, a <b>\$100,000 Recreational Water Quality grant</b> from DLWC and <b>\$30,000 Local Government and Miscellaneous funding</b>.</p> <p>Approximately <b>\$24.4 million</b> will be spent by Sydney Water in the <b>Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment</b> in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Other Government funding initiatives for the Hawkesbury-Nepean river system under its <b>Water Reform Agenda</b> in 2000-2001 will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$100,000</b> to implement a <b>Water Extraction Metering Strategy</b>;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sydney Superdome PV System - 70kW system, 115 tonnes per annum, \$500,000;</li> <li>◆ Olympic Village PV System - 3,390 tonnes per annum, \$1.6 million; and</li> <li>◆ Appin Carburetted Gas Turbine - 108,000 tonnes per annum, \$2 million.</li> </ul> <p>During 2000-2001, SEDA managed the Green Power program. Green Power customers have been responsible for financing a number of projects, including the Jacks Gully landfill gas to energy and the Eastern Creek landfill to energy. SEDA also funded feasibility studies into co-generation under the Co-generation Development Program. Projects in business and government facilities included: Westmead Hospital - 3.8MW, 23,000 tonnes per annum; and Fairfax Chullora - 1MW, around 4,000 tonnes per annum.</p> <p>The Stormwater Trust funded project has been completed and is being evaluated. The grant of \$212,000 enabled the former Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust to engage two people to develop an education program and trial processes to encourage builders in the South Creek catchment area at Camden to reduce erosion and sediment runoff on building sites.</p> <p>A project to eradicate willow species along Cattai Creek is due to finish in March 2002.</p> <p>Provision of sewerage facilities to unsewered properties between Hazelbrook and North Katoomba is due for completion in June 2001. Upgrades of St Marys and Quakers Hill Sewage Treatment Plants to reduce nutrient discharges into South Creek are due to be commissioned in June 2001.</p> <p>A State-wide water metering strategy is being developed. 70 water users have participated in a metering trial.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>\$100,000</b> to implement a <b>Communication Strategy</b> to convey water reform messages to landholders who have reading difficulties and to those from non-English speaking backgrounds;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$100,000</b> to refine and implement the <b>Integrated Water Monitoring Framework</b> - to integrate all water monitoring activities and information across all agencies, organisations and the community into one management system.;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$50,000</b> to maintain the <b>Low Flow Indicator Gauging Station Network</b> as part of the volumetric conversion program;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$50,000</b> to maintain the <b>Daily Flow Model</b> - a daily flow predictive model to assist in decision making and water management planning;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$30,000</b> to refine the <b>Geomorphological Benchmarking</b> study of the catchment which will provide a report card on the river channel condition of the entire catchment;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$30,000</b> for further <b>Biological Indicator Analysis</b> studies;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$160,000</b> for the <b>Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program</b>;</li> <li>◆ <b>\$20,000</b> for on-going consultation with landholders regarding the <b>Volumetric Conversion/Farm Dams Policy</b>;</li> <li>◆ A total of <b>\$60,000</b> for on-going liaison with stakeholders on water reforms; investigation of water quality of South Creek; and the management of blue-green algae.</li> </ul>	<p>The Strategy will be completed in June 2001 with seven language groups targeted.</p> <p>The Berowra Creek water quality data base has been completed. A web page has been developed to promote the program and for information sharing. A multi agency steering committee has been formed to share water quality data and increase partnership arrangements. Processes have been developed to enable greater efficiency in water quality monitoring programs. Water quality data for the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment for 1995-1999 has been collated.</p> <p>Telemetry sites have been upgraded and the weir on South Creek has been designed for the installation of gauges.</p> <p>The model commenced operation in March 2001 and will produce a water balance by the end of June 2001.</p> <p>A report to assist in future identification and management priorities for the catchment has been completed. The establishment of baseline data for future changes are to be identified, monitored and managed.</p> <p>A report is to be completed by June 2001.</p> <p>Key recreational sites have been monitored and a report on the results for the period 1998-2000 has been produced.</p> <p>1,000 water users have been contacted within the catchment and 1,500 water licences have been converted from area to volume. The Farm Dams Policy has been implemented.</p> <p>All key water user groups, as well as in excess of 1,000 water users, have been contacted.</p>

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<p>The Sydney Catchment Authority will allocate <b>\$1.2 million</b> in 2000-2001 towards improving the fundamental health of the catchments via its <b>environmental flows</b> policies.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Sydney Catchment Authority will allocate <b>\$20,000</b> towards the <b>Streamwatch</b> initiative of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust.</p> <p>The Sydney Catchment Authority has allocated <b>\$100,000 per annum</b> towards a <b>Grants Program for Catchment Protection and Improvement Projects</b>. The Authority will also be funding an <b>Education Program</b> during 2000-2001, estimated to cost <b>\$100,000 per annum</b>.</p> <p>The Department of Local Government will provide an estimated <b>\$78,000</b> in grants, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to Western Sydney local councils, under the <b>SepticSafe Program</b>.</p> <p>The Department of Land and Water Conservation will be allocating \$123,000 in 2000-2001 to its Western Sydney Salinity Investigations and Options Project and \$100,000 towards urban erosion and sediment control.</p> <p>The <b>Hawkesbury Nepean Riverbank Management Program</b> is a joint initiative of the Department of Land and Water Conservation and the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust. The projected Trust funding in 2000-2001 is <b>\$187,000</b>.</p>	<p>The final report of the trial environmental flows on the Hawkesbury-Nepean River was completed during the year. The results of this research will be used to recommend environmental flows for the river by the Government's Hawkesbury-Nepean River Management Forum. Expenditure in 2000-2001 was \$125,000. The estimated allocation was based on progressing to stage two during 2000-2001 and this is under consideration by the Forum. The Authority has continued to release 5 million litres of water per day into the Cataract River in the upper reaches of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River.</p> <p>This initiative has provided funding for schools and community groups to participate in monitoring water quality in rivers and streams in their local areas. This raises the community's awareness of water quality issues.</p> <p>Funds totalling almost \$230,000 have been provided to 34 community groups for Catchment Protection and Improvement Projects. Grants of up to \$8,000 are available for each project. The Authority is funding an extensive educational program to continue to increase awareness of catchment issues. These include the School Education Program at Warragamba, redevelopment of the website and establishing a Mobile Education Unit.</p> <p>It is anticipated that \$78,000 in Septic Safe grants will be approved in 2000-2001 for councils in Western Sydney.</p> <p>The Draft Salinity Hazard map and accompanying guidelines have been released. In conjunction with the Office of Western Sydney, 12 Western Sydney Councils have been briefed. A school salinity education kit and a draft Western Sydney salinity research strategy have been developed. Conceptual models of salinity processes on the Cumberland plain have also been developed.</p> <p>The management of a 100 kilometre riverbank section between Penrith and Wisemans Ferry has been improved. A co-operative relationship between agency staff and riverfront landholders has been established. There are now 20 sites which demonstrate best management practice. Publications and brochures on riverbank management are available and regular training workshops and field days on riverbank management and re-vegetation have been conducted.</p>

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<p>The Environment Protection Authority will allocate grants totalling <b>\$292,000</b> for the Stormwater Trust for <b>stormwater remediation</b> and associated projects in Western Sydney in 2000-2001.</p> <p>NSW Fisheries will continue its initiatives in 2000-2001 on the <b>Fisheries Habitat Protection Plan</b> for the Hawkesbury-Nepean River System and the <b>Fisheries Aquatic Habitat Management and Fish Conservation Policy and Guidelines</b>.</p> <p>The Environment Protection Authority will continue with the <b>Blue Mountains Urban Run-off Control Program</b> in 2000-2001 with an allocation of a further <b>\$1 million</b>.</p>	<p>Funds were allocated to 27 projects in Western Sydney in 2000-2001. Outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the installation of devices to prevent over 80 tonnes of pollutants from entering Sydney's waterways;</li> <li>◆ the education of industry and the community;</li> <li>◆ the creation of 30 jobs in local government;</li> <li>◆ the creation of jobs in the stormwater industry; and</li> <li>◆ raising the profile of stormwater managers.</li> </ul> <p>Over the life of the projects, councils and government agencies have contributed almost \$6 million in extra funding.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, these were completed and included the on-going monitoring of the effectiveness of fishways at Theresa Park and Mount Hunter Weirs on the Hawkesbury River.</p> <p>A strategic plan for phase 2 of the program has been developed which specifies aims, performance targets and tasks for a range of activities including bush regeneration, repair of degraded lands, drainage works, education and community participation, environmental monitoring and research and program management. Primary and secondary weeding in 14 areas across the Blue Mountains is continuing to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the bushland regenerated during phase 1 of the program. The program has also funded an extension of the weed mapping program to identify, map and incorporate all weed locations.</p> <p>An artificial wetland is being constructed on the headwaters of Magdala Creek at Springwood to capture gross pollutants from the Springwood shopping centre and sections of the Great Western Highway.</p> <p>A website <a href="http://www.bluemountainsurcp.nsw.gov.au">www.bluemountainsurcp.nsw.gov.au</a> provides a summary of the program's activities and technical reports related to Blue Mountain catchment environmental monitoring and modelling.</p>

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<p><b><i>Parks, Gardens, Reserves and Forests</i></b></p> <p>The National Parks and Wildlife Service will allocate <b>\$390,000</b> in 2000-2001 on its on-going program of biodiversity surveys and threatened species recovery planning and protection in Western Sydney.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Government will commit around <b>\$10.5 million</b> to <b>Regional Parks, National Parks and Nature Reserves</b> in Western Sydney. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Western Sydney Regional Park, Horsley Park - \$2 million;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Parramatta Regional Park - \$800,000;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Rouse Hill Regional Park - \$800,000;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Leacock Regional Park, Casula - \$450,000;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>William Howe Regional Park, Narellan Vale - \$600,000;</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan, soon to be publicly exhibited, will provide a firm base for future conservation in Western Sydney. A framework has been established which helps assess the conservation significance of bushland remnants, guides development decisions and helps landowners and community groups in day-to-day management of their bushland. Funds are targeted to implement actions in the recovery plan.</p> <p>\$2.2 million was allocated to the park in 2000-2001. The Olympic Equestrian and Mountain Bike events were staged within Western Sydney Regional Park in September 2000. The National Parks and Wildlife Service, together with the Olympic Co-ordination Authority, made significant improvements to access facilities including road and pathway upgrading, construction of new entrance gates, additional picnic facilities, amenities buildings, fencing and tree planting.</p> <p>Work undertaken, at a cost of \$1.2 million in 2000-2001, included: the conservation and refurbishment of the historic Macquarie Street Gatehouse for office accommodation and visitor information; the construction of bridges and a board-walk over Domain Creek; and repairs to roads, fences and buildings and maintenance of the heritage rose garden.</p> <p>\$720,000 was expended in 2000-2001 on improved access and car parking facilities, additional signage and landscape works around the site. The Ironbark Ridge Function Area and Picnic Facilities were opened in December 2000.</p> <p>\$270,000 was allocated to the park. A new cycleway was completed in late 2000, providing improved access and circulation to interior parts of this new facility. Extensive weed removal and bushland revegetation programs were also conducted.</p> <p>Design and documentation have been completed for the first stage of development works that includes construction of a car-park and park entry, signage and pathways for cyclists and pedestrians. \$700,000 was allocated for this work in 2000-2001.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Lower Prospect Canal - \$1.3 million;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Yellomundee Regional Park - \$350,000;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Blue Mountains National Park, Lower Mountains - \$670,000;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>\$1.5 million</b> expenditure on Blue Mountains National Parks and Nature Reserves;</li> <li>◆ An additional 70 hectares of land will be added to the <b>Mulgoa Nature Reserve;</b></li> <li>◆ <b>\$2 million</b> expenditure on Cumberland Plain National Parks and Nature Reserves.</li> </ul> <p>The Government will spend <b>\$20 million</b> in Western Sydney under the <b>Sydney Region Development Fund</b> in 2000-2001 Initiatives for the fund include an estimated <b>\$500,000</b> for the <b>Metropolitan Greenspace Program</b> and <b>\$639,000</b> under the <b>Greening of Western Sydney Program</b>.</p>	<p>Construction work commenced in 2000-2001 at Guildford, on the first stage of a cycle way along the length of the decommissioned Lower Prospect Water Supply Canal.</p> <p>A Plan of Management is being prepared which will include improved access, fire and pest management programs and visitor facilities.</p> <p>Work undertaken in the park in 2000-2001 include visitor facility upgrades, walking track maintenance, sign posting, fire, weed and pest management, maintenance to access roads, car parks and fire trails, replacement of pit toilets with composting toilets in environmentally sensitive areas and the conversion of pump-out and septic systems to sewage mains.</p> <p>Crown land has been added to the Blue Mountains National Park to protect the scenically prominent eastern escarpment, as well as rare species and Aboriginal sites. During 2000-2001, on-going improvements were carried out to signage, interpretation and visitor information and pest, fire and wildlife management programs within the Blue Mountains, Nattai Reserves, Yengo and Wollemi National Parks. The areas have been classified as World Heritage Reserves.</p> <p>The additional land, which is being managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, is yet to be gazetted.</p> <p>During 2000-2001, pest, fire and wildlife management programs and improvements to signage, interpretation and visitor information have been undertaken, within Scheyville National Park, Bents Basin State Recreation Area, Windsor Downs Nature Reserve and Pitt Lagoon Nature Reserve.</p> <p>\$6.5 million has been expended in 2000-2001 for Open Space Corridor acquisitions and a further \$1.4 million for Special Uses Corridor acquisitions. The Metropolitan Greenspace Program won a Project Award of Merit in the Research and Communications Category of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects 2000 National Project Awards. Approximately \$500,000 was expended in Western Sydney under this program in 2000-2001. The \$640,000 Greening Western Sydney Program Budget enabled the sowing of more than 60 kilometres of native seeds and the planting of 35,000 trees.</p>

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<p>State Forests of NSW will spend some <b>\$600,000</b> on operations and services provided to the community at the <b>Cumberland State Forest</b> at West Pennant Hills. Also located at West Pennant Hills is the <b>Forest Research and Development Division</b> which has an annual budget of <b>\$7.2 million</b>.</p> <p>The <b>Mount Annan Botanic Garden</b> has been allocated <b>\$300,000</b> in 2000-2001 for infrastructure maintenance. In addition, <b>\$100,000</b> has been allocated for the provision of improved visitor facilities at the <b>Mount Tomah Botanic Garden</b>.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the <b>Bicentennial Park Trust</b> has been allocated <b>\$3 million</b> in recurrent funding and <b>\$4.5 million</b> in capital funding for the management of Parklands at Homebush Bay.</p>	<p>Over 50,000 people visited the Forest and Nursery throughout the year. A further 4,500 school children visited the Forest Education Centre for guided tours of the Cumberland Forest and were given instruction on managing forests, fauna and flora. Expenditure on the Forest Research and Development Division was for operational costs of providing research and related support services to State Forests field operations, with emphasis on plantation related work and native forest-based research and monitoring.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Royal Botanic Gardens Trust allocated to Mount Annan Botanic Garden \$335,000 for water supply and irrigation improvements and \$300,00 for traffic flow redevelopment as well as Visitor Centre and Café facilities. In addition, the Mount Tomah Botanic Garden was allocated \$100,000 for infrastructure enhancements and \$110,000 for improvements to facilities for visitors.</p> <p>The Trust has maintained a high level of commitment to excellence in tourism for the Western Sydney region during the period. Significant achievements during the period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Bicentennial Park Visitor and Information Centre is one of three Level 1 accredited visitor centres in Sydney, under the program jointly conducted by Tourism NSW and the NSW Council of Tourist Associations;</li> <li>◆ In the 2001 Western Sydney Tourism Awards the Bicentennial Park Visitor Information Centre was awarded Highly Commended in the Visitor Information Centres category;</li> <li>◆ A strong program of eco tours continued during the year; and</li> <li>◆ During the Olympic Games, Bicentennial Park contributed to the ambience of the Games through use of the pedestrian access corridor from Concord West Railway Station for over 500,000 spectators.</li> </ul> <p>The Park contributes to the physical and mental health of the community by its presence as a major 'green space' in the thriving residential community of Western Sydney. In 2000-2001, there were approximately 700,000 visitors to the Park with around 500,000 of these visiting the park for recreation and leisure pursuits.</p>

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	<p>The Park is a major contributor of environmental education services in Western Sydney. Over, 14,000 students participated in the Park's educational program during 2000-2001. A range of curriculum based educational programs are offered for students from primary through to secondary school. In addition, technical tours are conducted to cater for the specialist school and tertiary markets.</p> <p>The Trust completed one of its most significant environmental projects, the Pilot Tidal Flushing Project, in 2000-2001. The project reversed the degrading practices of landfilling and development created in the 1970s by reinstating the tidal flow to the southern portion of the Homebush Bay wetlands. This enhances mangrove health, reduces the extent of mosquito breeding, increases biodiversity in the area and protects the whole ecosystem. The project was undertaken over a two year period at a cost of \$540,000.</p>
<p><b>Heritage</b></p> <p>\$100,000 has been allocated for the Cumberland Plain Regional Aboriginal Heritage Strategy in 2000-2001.</p> <p>Funding is being provided through the NSW Heritage Office under both the <b>NSW Heritage 2001 Program</b> for large conservation work projects and the <b>NSW Heritage Assistance Program</b> aimed at a wider range of generally smaller projects.</p>	<p>Preliminary data has been gathered concerning Aboriginal Heritage values of the Cumberland Plain. This data will be used to discuss more strategic approaches to Environmental Assessment with Local Councils.</p> <p>Progress on the Heritage Grant projects is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Work commenced in late 2000 on the implementation of a Cultural Landscape Masterplan for Harris Park - \$400,000 over 3 years to Parramatta City Council;</li> <li>◆ Conservation work to the main street of Bankstown is well under way and buildings are now under restoration - \$50,000 to Bankstown City Council;</li> <li>◆ The former St Bartholomews Anglican Church at Prospect project was completed and officially opened in February 2001 - \$50,000 to Blacktown City Council;</li> <li>◆ The Studley Park House on the Camden Golf Club site at Narellan was completed in March 2001 - \$25,000;</li> <li>◆ Conservation work on the Old Ford Road was completed in late 2000 - \$19,500 to Campbelltown City Council; and</li> <li>◆ Work has commenced on the Windsor Anglican Parish Rectory stables - \$10,000.</li> </ul>

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<p>The <b>Heritage Office will relocate</b> to the former Kings School in 2001. Restoration will be undertaken as an investment of the Heritage Conservation Fund with expenditure of <b>\$2.4 million</b> in 2000-2001.</p>	<p>The relocation will occur in 2002. The building is to be restored to provide a cost effective and publicly accessible long-term accommodation for the Heritage Office and the Heritage Council of NSW.</p>
<p><b>Waste Management</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the <b>Western Sydney Waste Board</b> and the <b>Macarthur Waste Board</b> will be allocated <b>\$2.3 million</b> from the Waste Planning and Management Fund, administered by the Environment Protection Authority, to assist with the boards' operations and the implementation of regional waste plans for 2000-01 to 2002-03. The Fund also provides <b>Community Waste Reduction Grants</b> to a maximum of \$100,000 to the commercial and industrial sectors for waste avoidance and/or re-use projects.</p>	<p>\$4.3 million was allocated from the Waste Planning and Management Fund in 2000-2001 to the Macarthur and Western Sydney Waste Boards to assist with the boards' operations and the implementation of their 3 year regional waste plans. The boards employ a total of around 30 people. Each Board has developed a comprehensive regional waste plan that includes a range of programs aimed at reducing waste and its environmental impacts, improving services and providing economic benefits to the Western Sydney community. Each Board has worked closely with its constituent councils to improve waste management service delivery to the residents of Western Sydney and to actively promote the dual environmental and financial benefits of waste avoidance to scores of businesses within the region.</p> <p>Achievements of the Macarthur Waste Board in 2000-2001 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the development of a resource recovery contract to be implemented nationally in Lend Lease's retail properties. Trials in Macarthur Square Shopping Centre identified potential waste reduction of 70 percent and cost savings of up to 35 per cent;</li> <li>◆ the conduct of the Waste Wise Event program at the 19<sup>th</sup> Australian Scout Jamboree at Appin, providing education and training in waste avoidance and resource recovery to 14,000 teenagers and volunteers;</li> <li>◆ a regional contract for the processing and marketing of useful products derived from organic wastes generated in the Macarthur region. The regional contract introduces new services to the region and considerable cost savings to local councils;</li> <li>◆ the identification of illegal dumping hot spots and the provision of training for 20 law enforcement officers to reduce the incidence of illegal dumping in the region;</li> <li>◆ the collection and disposal of 16 tonnes of household hazardous waste within the region;</li> <li>◆ the training of over 180 people in the Earth Works program; and</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the implementation of a primary and secondary schools “Light House” program to encourage waste avoidance, re-use and recycling.</li> </ul> <p>Significant Western Sydney Waste Board achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ the expansion of the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad from 4 to 8 Western Sydney council areas. The RID squad has significantly increased surveillance of illegal dumping activities and prosecution of offenders;</li> <li>◆ the seeking of tenders for the establishment of a pre-treatment facility at South Windsor landfill. The first of a series, this facility will significantly reduce the volume of disposed material. The Board is exploring opportunities to separate materials, such as organics, metals, glass and plastics, for reuse as secondary resources through the pre-treatment process. These facilities will generate new investment and job opportunities within Western Sydney;</li> <li>◆ the development of a business case demonstrating the feasibility of the Board’s <i>Drive Thru Recycling Centre</i> concept, designed to accept a wide range of reusable and recyclable materials from councils, residents and small businesses, thereby diverting these materials from landfill;</li> <li>◆ the trial of a wood waste receiving and processing facility which generated market demand for 350,000 tonnes of wood waste products which would have otherwise been put into landfill; and</li> <li>◆ assistance to a privately funded food organics processing facility in Parramatta to secure feedstock, which ultimately will see the diversion of up to 110,000 tonnes of food waste from landfill. It is anticipated that the facility will generate investment of \$16 million in the region, as well as over 100 new permanent jobs.</li> </ul> <p>In 2000-2001, grants under Community Waste Reduction funding included almost \$84,000 to Workplace Learning Futures at Parramatta to work with four local small food manufacturing companies to assess their current waste management processes and make improvements to avoid waste. The project incorporates the participation of additional companies and stakeholders in research activities, focus groups and validation processes and seeks to produce well-researched and documented best practice models and case studies for dissemination via a website.</p>

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<p><b><i>Mine Rehabilitation</i></b></p> <p>Rehabilitation work at the <b>Oakdale Colliery</b>, to commence in 2000-2001, will be partly funded by the mine owner's security deposit held by the Department of Mineral Resources and supplemented by funds from the Derelict Mines Rehabilitation Program. Total expenditure for the project is expected to be in excess of \$750,000.</p>	<p>Subsequent to the closure of the Oakdale Colliery in 1999, the Department of Mineral Resources has undertaken the task of facilitating rehabilitation of the mine site. The aim is to protect the local environment and restore the former mine site. A one year contract involving expenditure of \$251,000 was awarded in February 2001 for stage one which involves cleaning up, securing and rehabilitating the site to environmentally acceptable standards.</p>
<p><b>BETTER GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b></p> <p><b><i>Premier's Department</i></b></p> <p>Premier's Department has several major 'place-managed' projects and regional co-ordination initiatives in Western and South Western Sydney. The total budget allocation for these regional initiatives is <b>\$830,000</b>.</p>	<p>The Western Sydney Regional Co-ordinator projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ coordinated the work of key government agencies on strategic planning, declaration of lands as release areas and the provision of major regional transport infrastructure for the redevelopment of Boral's 300 hectare quarrying operation at Greystanes;</li> <li>◆ facilitated the first stage release of the Sungei Way (Wonderland) 154 hectares Business Park at Eastern Creek;</li> <li>◆ collaborated with Growing Regional Opportunities for Work (GROW) Employment Council on the establishment of a pilot project on transport/access information for Western Sydney job seekers to "job rich" areas of Northern Sydney and Mascot/Sydney Airport. Travel access guides have been produced and the final project report was launched in April 2001;</li> <li>◆ worked in partnership with the Department of Housing, the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales on a "Social Exclusion" project, which looks at developing social exclusion factors for Western Sydney with reference to public housing areas; and</li> <li>◆ liaised with Landcom, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the NSW Heritage Office and Blacktown City Council in facilitating appropriate recognition and long-term management of the former Native Institution Site at Oakhurst. Landcom and the Heritage Office are jointly funding a Conservation Management Plan for the site. In February 2001, the NSW Heritage Council resolved to list the site as State significant.</li> </ul>

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	<p>The South Western Sydney Regional Coordinator projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ secured \$50,000 funding for the Airs Community Renewal Project from the Premier's Department's Strengthening Local Communities Strategy. A Campbelltown cross-agency group will implement this whole-of-government approach to community renewal in the Macarthur area; and</li> <li>◆ continued tourism initiatives to develop and attract positive images of Cabramatta. The Moon Festival/Olympic Torch Relay event attracted some 50,000 people. Night markets began in September 2000.</li> </ul> <p>The NSW Government Action Plan on Youth/Community Issues in Canterbury-Bankstown represents a whole-of-government approach to youth issues. The Government has achieved a number of positive outcomes, such as improved police-community relations, development of local Youth Crime Prevention Plans, a reduction in critical incident reports at local schools and increased provision of after school facilities for young people.</p>
<p><b><i>Fair Trading and Consumer Protection</i></b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, the Department of Fair Trading will allocate <b>\$423,000</b> to the <b>Tenants Advice and Advocacy Program</b>.</p> <p>The Department also allocated <b>\$350,000</b> in 2000-2001 to the <b>Home Building Grants Program</b> in Western Sydney.</p> <p><b>Financial counselling services</b> will continue to be provided by the Government in Western Sydney at an estimated cost of <b>\$310,000</b> in 2000-2001.</p> <p>In 2000-2001, the <b>Residential Tribunal</b> will be funded to the extent of <b>\$950,000</b> in Western Sydney and will continue to hear applications in Penrith, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Liverpool and Katoomba.</p>	<p>Two tenancy services were funded at Liverpool and Harris Park to provide free advice and advocacy support to low income tenants, including special needs groups such as Aboriginal people and people of non-English speaking background.</p> <p>\$250,000 was provided for a project based in Western Sydney which supports apprentices and trainees in the home building industry.</p> <p>13 services were provided with a total of \$320,000 to offer free advice and advocacy to Western Sydney people experiencing financial difficulties.</p> <p>The Residential Tribunal estimates that it has received 19,000 applications in Western Sydney in 2000-2001.</p>

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<p>The <b>Fair Trading Tribunal</b> was allocated <b>\$2 million</b> in Western Sydney in 2000-2001 to conduct hearings at Parramatta, Penrith and Liverpool.</p> <p>The 2000-2001 operating budget for the <b>Fair Trading Centres</b> located in Western Sydney is almost <b>\$3.7 million</b>.</p>	<p>A Senior Member has been allocated the responsibility for the development and implementation of an effective strategy for the Tribunal in Western Sydney. At Parramatta, additional staff have been appointed and the premises have been extended to deal with an increased workload. Of the approximate 11,000 claims received by the Tribunal, some 3,400 originated in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Statistics for the Western Sydney Fair Trading Centres in 2000-2001 are: 284,000 inquiries; 8,100 complaints; 3,700 Business Names; and \$4.18 million budget.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Services</b></p> <p><b>\$13.75 million</b> will be allocated in 2000-2001 for Western Sydney floodplain management projects funded through the <b>Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain Management Strategy</b>. In addition, a further <b>\$3 million</b> will be expended on various floodplain management projects in Western Sydney under the Government's <b>Western Sydney Floodplain Management Program</b>.</p> <p>The <b>State Emergency Service</b> will be allocating funds to various programs in Western Sydney in 2000-2001, including: motor vehicle subsidies for regional SES Units to replace existing vehicles; rescue equipment; protective clothing for volunteers; and installation of computers.</p> <p>Councils across Western Sydney will receive a significant share of funding allocated to the Rural Fire Fighting Fund to allow the accelerated tanker replacement program to continue and to refit existing vehicles with fire protection systems.</p>	<p>The route has been selected for the Windsor Flood Evacuation Route project and the Environmental Assessment has commenced.</p> <p>Projects carried out were: road upgrades, including Londonderry Road, Drift Way and Thorley Street; upgraded river-gauging networks to improve flood forecasting; preparation of best practice subdivision, building and land use planning; development of flood information management systems; revision of flood emergency plans; and numerous flood mitigation works and studies.</p> <p>All Volunteer Units within Western Sydney have been provided with a computer and Internet access.</p> <p>The tanker replacement program continued in 2000-2001 and the \$12 million, three year program will be fully expended by 30 June 2003.</p>
<p><b>Industrial Relations</b></p> <p>During 2000-2001, the Government will be allocating <b>\$1.98 million</b> to support <b>industrial relations services</b> in Western Sydney.</p>	<p>The Western Sydney Contact Centre at Parramatta and the South Western Sydney Contact Centre at Bankstown were allocated \$1.8 million to provide assistance and advice to employers and employees in 2000-2001. In addition to the thousands of telephone and over-the-counter inquiries handled by the Centres each year, the approximate number of industrial complaints finalised by the Centres are: Parramatta 850; and Bankstown 940.</p>

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<p><b><i>Justice and Legal Aid</i></b></p> <p>The combined 2000-2001 budget for the <b>Western Sydney Legal Aid offices</b> at Bankstown, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Parramatta and Penrith (including the Penrith Children's Legal Service) is <b>\$12.5 million</b>.</p>	<p>In 2000-2001, the combined budget for the seven Western Sydney Legal Aid offices was almost \$11 million. In total, around 56,600 legal services were delivered in the region comprising: 3,200 legal aid grants; 43,000 Local Court duty services; 3,100 legal advice services; and 7,300 legal information services. In addition, around \$1.2 million was expended on payments to private legal practitioners and on legal disbursements in legally aided matters in Western Sydney.</p>
<p><b><i>Survey Services</i></b></p> <p>The Land Information Centre of the Department of Information Technology and Management will spend a further <b>\$300,000</b> to complete its current two year program to provide <b>new edition topographic maps and digital information</b> for Western Sydney. As part of an ongoing program, a further <b>\$500,000</b> will be provided for <b>digital subdivision and boundary mapping</b> in Western Sydney. The accuracy of the coordinates of all <b>survey control marks</b> in the Hawkesbury, Liverpool and Blacktown local government areas will be upgraded at a cost of <b>\$100,000</b>.</p>	<p>Provision of new edition topographic maps and digital information for Western Sydney has continued throughout the year and is approximately 50 per cent complete. The extent of new information incorporated into the data sets far exceeds expectations. In excess of \$600,000 was committed to the project and the program will be completed in 2001-2002.</p> <p>Continued maintenance of the Digital Cadastral Database was also undertaken throughout 2000-2001. The spatial accuracy was improved in 25 per cent of Western Sydney local government areas. The allocation of \$500,000 was expended. The horizontal co-ordinates of approximately 3,000 survey control marks in the Penrith, Liverpool and Camden local government areas have been upgraded to the recently introduced Geocentric Datum of Australia and the co-ordinates of a further 2,000 survey control marks in the Hawkesbury and Blacktown local government areas are being upgraded.</p>
<p><b><i>Transport</i></b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, Western Sydney will benefit from Sydney-wide transport improvements including <b>\$25 million</b> on the posting of <b>security guards</b> on every CityRail train from 7 pm until the service closes each night; installation of surveillance cameras on all metropolitan Government and private buses; and <b>\$1.5 million</b> for the Integrated Transport Information Service.</p>	<p>The posting of security guards was implemented successfully during 2000-2001. The service is planned to continue in 2001-2002.</p> <p>Cameras have now been installed in 3,650 buses at an estimated total cost of \$8.4 million.</p> <p>From an estimated expenditure of \$17.5 million for an Integrated Transport Information Service (ITIS), \$1.5 million was funded by Government. The remainder being sourced from transport operators. ITIS is delivered via a Call Centre at Transport Infoline 131500 and also via the Internet at <a href="http://www.131500.com.au">www.131500.com.au</a>. Transport Infoline operates seven days per week from 6am to 10pm and offers recorded messages after hours. In the period from January 1 to December 31, 2000 the Call Centre responded to approximately 3.6 million operator-assisted inquiries.</p>

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<p><b>WorkCover</b></p> <p>In 2000-2001, WorkCover anticipates that its Western Sydney <b>operational expenditure</b> will be in excess of <b>\$6 million</b>.</p>	<p>In late 2000, industrial estates in Western Sydney were included in a workers compensation review by WorkCover NSW. The operation, which uncovered a number of uninsured and under-insured employers, will benefit both employers and workers from improved workers compensation compliance.</p>
<p><b>OLYMPIC BUDGET – WESTERN SYDNEY</b></p> <p>After the Paralympics, <b>Stadium Australia's seating capacity</b> will be reduced from 110,000 to 80,000. An amount of <b>\$13 million</b> has been allocated in 2000-2001 to undertake this work.</p>	<p>Reconstruction of the Olympic Stadium at Homebush Bay commenced in February 2001 and will be completed in the 2002-03 financial year.</p>