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Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils share in \$300 million local infrastructure fund

Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils will share in \$3 million in the Commonwealth's \$300 million community infrastructure package, Federal Labor Members, Sharon Bird and Jennie George announced today.

Both Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils are also eligible to apply on a competitive basis for larger infrastructure projects which seek a minimum Commonwealth contribution of \$2 million or more.

Wollongong City Council will receive \$2.1 million and Shellharbour City Council will receive \$899,000 under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme.

We want local projects that stimulate the local economy, support jobs in the local community, and provide practical community infrastructure over the long-term.

We will be meeting with Wollongong and Shellharbour City Council representatives to discuss priority local community infrastructure projects and the potential for additional funding for larger community projects as soon as possible.

The funding was announced by the Prime Minister as part of the Commonwealth's new Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme at the Australian Council of Local Government in Canberra today, at which Ms Bird and Ms George represented Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils.

The funds to Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils will be delivered by 30 June 2009.

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