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**Funding boost for University of Wollongong improves  
delivery for South Coast campuses**

Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird and Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, Mike Kelly have welcomed Australian Government funding of \$3.3 million for the University of Wollongong.

The funding is for a project, called *Networked Solution to Educational Workforce Needs*, for a viable, educationally sound and cost effective method to deliver multi-campus education programs across universities in the NSW south coast.

The project was funded through the Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund.

The Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund provides grants that support greater specialisation among higher education providers, more diversity in the sector and better responsiveness to labour market needs at the local and national level.

The Fund allows higher education providers to diversify, specialise their disciplines, build on existing dual sector activities, create new dual sector activities or enhance learning and teaching performance.

The 2008 Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund round is an important part of the Rudd Government's Education Revolution which aims to ensure that Australians have access to a world-class tertiary education and are inspired to achieve excellence through higher education learning and research.

In the past twelve months the Rudd Government has widened access to and better resourced Australia's tertiary institutions throughout Australia.

As well as phasing out full fee paying degrees for domestic undergraduate students, increasing the number of Commonwealth scholarships, Australian universities have already received \$500 million dollars through the Better Universities Renewal Fund.

For more information on the 2008 Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund round visit [www.deewr.gov.au/dsa](http://www.deewr.gov.au/dsa)