



# News Release

**Sharon Bird MP**

Federal Member for Cunningham

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## \$1.4 million investment in WEA Illawarra and Illawarra ITeC

The Commonwealth Government is investing \$1.4 million in two Wollongong organisations under the *Investing in Community Education and Training Programme*, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, announced this morning.

WEA Illawarra will receive \$1,327,326.00 to construct a Community Training Facility and refurbishment of its existing building premises.

The WEA Community Training Facility will involve construction of a two storey building housing training rooms, an e-learning centre and WEA administration.

“WEA Illawarra is an education institution in the region providing direct services to pathways for English language, literacy, numeracy, vocational training, business training and lifestyle courses.

“I am delighted that WEA Illawarra will be helped by the Commonwealth Government to expand training services.

“I am advised that up to 15 construction workers, including apprentices will be working on this particular project”, Ms Bird said.

Illawarra ITeC will receive \$167,748.00 as part of its Teach and Learn project which will modernise and improve teaching and learning facilities at its Wollongong centre.

The *Investing in Community Education and Training Programme* is worth \$96 million. Funding was allocated following one national competitive funding round. Projects must be completed by 30 June 2010.

Today’s announcement brings the Commonwealth Government’s investment in the region’s education institutions to \$254.8 million over the last 12-months, including primary and secondary schools, Illawarra TAFE and the University of Wollongong.

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