

BACKGROUND FACT SHEET

REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM CUNNINGHAM ELECTORATE

\$2.2 million in funding under first and second round of Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP)

The Commonwealth Government has provided \$1.6 million to Wollongong City Council under the first round of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

Seven projects were funded under RLCIP in the Cunningham electorate. Council engaged eight separate contractors for these projects, which have employed between six and ten people per day.

The Commonwealth Government is funding an additional \$580,000 in a second round of the RLCIP.

This will fund an additional four projects:

- \$60,000 for disabled access to the Discovery Centre, Wollongong Botanical Gardens
- \$170,000 for upgrade of parking facilities at JJ Kelly Park, Wollongong
- \$150,000 for upgrade of water conservation infrastructure at Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow, and
- \$200,000 to construct tourism access facilities at Wollongong Harbour.

These projects are expected to support an estimated 40 jobs during the construction period.

\$2.9 million in funding under RLCIP – Strategic Projects

The Commonwealth Government provided \$2.9 million in funding to Wollongong City Council under RLCIP – Strategic Projects to construct the Blue Mile Promenade worth \$3.4 million.

Stage one of this project was opened in December 2009, including the new viewing platform on Cliff Road. Stage two of the project is now underway.

The Commonwealth Government's total funding contribution to community infrastructure in the Cunningham electorate under RLCIP is \$5.1 million.