

Lower North Island Regional infrastructure investment

- **Rolling out more than \$5bn investment in transport projects, schools, hospitals and water infrastructure across the lower North Island**
- **Shovel-ready projects to create jobs, including a new Whanganui Police Hub, Route 52 improvements, social and affordable housing for the Ruapehu District, the Marton Rail Hub and the Sarjeant Gallery**
- **Pipeline of long-term projects to create certainty for our construction sector, including the Melling interchange, Capital Connection upgrades, acute mental health facilities in Palmerston North and the Hutt Valley, and 205 school upgrades**

Labour will continue to build on its strong record of investment in infrastructure and roll out more than \$5 billion of infrastructure investment in the lower North Island.

Our \$5 billion of infrastructure investment in the lower North Island provides certainty to the regions and employers. This investment will result in long-term job creation and significant economic benefits.

In government, we have managed the books wisely. With historically low interest rates, we are able to outline this much-needed investment in infrastructure. This investment is both affordable and the right thing to do.

This will not be all of our infrastructure investment in the next term, and we will continue to invest in capital infrastructure for health, housing, transport and local government, as well as other areas. But this provides a pipeline of work that will assist us in recovering from the impacts of COVID-19.

The overall infrastructure investment for the lower North Island includes:

- Investment via the New Zealand Upgrade programme, of \$62.6 million for schools, \$86.4 million for health and \$1.35 billion for transport.
- \$165 million from the Provincial Growth Fund.
- \$189.5 million for classroom upgrades.
- \$55.8 million in additional health capital spending.
- \$3.2 billion from the National Land Transport Programme (forecast 2018-2021).
- \$100 million to maintain and upgrade water services and infrastructure.
- \$6.5 million for road and rail worker redeployment.
- \$268 million from the IRG projects.
- \$9.4 million from the Strategic Asset Tourism Protection Programme.

Specific projects include (but are not limited to):

Regional shovel ready projects (that will roll out over the next 18 months)

- Sarjeant Gallery (\$11.6m)
- New Whanganui Police Hub (\$25m)
- Marton Rail Hub (\$9.1m)
- Enabling Infrastructure in Tairaka (\$25m)

- Social and affordable (key worker) housing for Ruapehu District (\$7.8m)
- Horowhenua Business Park Infrastructure (\$2.9m)
- Route 52 Improvements (\$14.6m)
- Climate Resilience Package with the Manawatū-Whanganui Region Councils (\$26.9m)

Capital health investments

- New acute mental health facility Hutt Valley DHB (\$30m)
- Acute mental health facility Palmerston North Hospital (\$30m)
- Surgical services expansion MidCentral DHB (\$27.5m for two additional theatres, two new procedure rooms, and more)
- Linear accelerators MidCentral, Capital & Coast (\$13m)
- Waimarino health centre extension Whanganui (\$5m)

Education investments

- Approved SIPs at 205 schools in Hutt South, Mana, Ohariu, Otaki, Palmerston North, Rangitikei, Rimutaka, Rongotai, Wairarapa, Wellington Central electorates, (totalling \$35.29m)
- Re-opening of Taratahi (\$1.2m)
- Wainuiomata High School redevelopment (\$24m)
- Wellington Girls' College redevelopment (\$25m)
- Wairarapa College redevelopment (\$9m)
- Onslow College redevelopment (\$25m)
- Taita College redevelopment (\$32m)

Key Provincial Growth Fund projects

- Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (\$10m)
- Foxton regeneration (\$3.86m)
- Whanganui Rail Upgrade (\$3m)
- Horizons Regional Afforestation Initiative Stage 1 (\$970,000)
- Central Region Major Projects Skills Hub (\$1m)
- Ruapehu Economic Support Package (\$1.3)
- Horowhenua Economic Support Package (\$1.6m)

Key transport investments

- New Melling interchange (\$258m)
- Four laning SH1 from Otaki to North of Levin to support growth in Levin and provide a safer and more resilient route (\$817m)
- Capital Connection upgrades – increasing the frequency and capacity of Metlink and Capital Connection services to Palmerston North and on the Wairarapa line, including a second platform at Featherston (\$211m)
- Te Ara Tupua - shared pathway linking Wellington with Hutt Valley (Petone to Melling section) (\$28.5m)
- Green light for Manawatū Gorge replacement highway (\$620m) - the initial funding of up to \$100 million has been made available from a reallocation of funding by the NZ

Transport Agency. The funding will enable construction to start quickly once the consent process is complete with early works expected to start November, depending on consents.

- Peka Peka to Otaki expressway (\$330m)
- New KiwiRail regional freight hub near Palmerston North (\$40m)
- Whanganui Port Revitalisation (\$26.75m)

Three waters investment

- Wellington region three waters services and infrastructure maintenance and upgrades (\$59.80m).
- Manawatū-Whanganui three waters services and infrastructure maintenance and upgrades (\$40.54m).

Note, for the purposes of this announcement the Lower North Island includes Wellington, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Whanganui and Palmerston North, including Mid-Central DHB.