

Lower North Island Regional infrastructure investment

What projects does this investment cover?

This investment includes significant investment in health, education, transport and local infrastructure needs. Further information is set out in the fact sheet.

Is it wise to invest at in infrastructure at this time?

Infrastructure is a core part of our economic plan to tackle deficit and create thousands of direct and indirect jobs in every community in New Zealand. With historically low interest rates, we are able to outline this much-needed investment in infrastructure.

Is this new money?

This is money we have chosen to invest over the past three years because we understand the importance of investing in infrastructure. Outlining our infrastructure investment provides certainty to the regions and employers as they can see the long-term job creation and economic benefits that come from infrastructure investment.

Our plan, beginning with shovel ready projects, outlines a pipeline of infrastructure investment across the region.

Will this be the only infrastructure investment the lower North Island receives?

No. If re-elected, we will continue to invest in capital beyond this investment, particularly in health, education and transport. Our allocated investment to date shows a pipeline of infrastructure investments that can be rolled out across the lower North Island.

What is included in the lower North Island?

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

Are there similar investments across the country?

Yes. Similar to what is outlined for the Lower North Island, we have a plan for infrastructure cross the country that provides a pipeline of work that kicks off with shovel ready projects.

Were any of these projects identified under the previous National government?

As a government we have invested in the largest infrastructure package ever. Many infrastructure projects are long term so some projects may overlap, but this government has provided the certainty and funding to make these projects a reality. This package outlines a path for infrastructure investment that will give certainty, jobs and economic benefits to the region.