



With the help and hard work of many within the community, as well as strong relationships with Governments at all levels and political stripes, Rob Oakeshott achieved a great deal during his 6 years as a Federal MP and 12 years as a State MP.

Health

Reversed the National Party privatisation of Port Macquarie Base Hospital and facilitated expansion including:

- \$4.8 million for second linear accelerator for North Coast Cancer Institute.
- \$96 million dollar expansion to create “fourth wing” of Port Macquarie Hospital significantly increasing capacity.
- \$7 million for Port Macquarie GP Super Clinic.
- \$800,000 towards \$1.6m Dementia Day Care Centre in Port Macquarie.

Directly negotiated \$40million of a total \$80million expansion of Kempsey Hospital.

Integral to the negotiation of a \$1.1 billion Regional Health and Hospital Fund to assist with funding for hospital upgrades throughout regional Australia. To date over 100 regional hospitals have benefited from this fund.

Integral to the creation of Rural and Regional Health Australia to restore equity and fairness to health funding in regional areas.

Education

Paved the way for Charles Sturt University to bring a campus to Port Macquarie, addressing shortfalls in University access. CSU now offers courses for over 1,000 students.

Supported the University of NSW in delivery of a full medicine program from Port Macquarie and Taree, a model that is now being replicated throughout Australia.

Ensured funding for tertiary education in the region:

- \$500 million for higher and vocational education exclusively in regional Australia.
- \$20 million for a multi-partner university presence on the mid north coast.

Personally negotiated a \$265 million Youth Allowance package to assist all rural and regional students.

Manning, Hastings and Macleay education and skills Forums.



Infrastructure

Completed over \$1 Billion worth of Pacific Highway By-Passes and Upgrades between Taree and Kempsey

Secured \$1 billion through the Regional Development Fund to finance infrastructure projects exclusively in regional Australia. Including \$19 million for airport upgrades at Taree, Port Macquarie and Kempsey.

Brought forward \$1 billion spending for the Pacific Highway upgrade by 2016, as well as federal funding for the \$600 million Kempsey By-Pass and \$35 million for work on the Kempsey to Port Macquarie upgrade.

Helped secure funds for key Council projects including:

- \$30.3 million for council roads and bridges in the Manning and Gloucester areas.
- \$500,000 towards \$1.4 million Lake Cathie Medical Centre.
- \$6 million for the Manning Education Centre.
- \$2.47 million Taree Recreation Centre upgrade.
- \$2.7 million Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Club.
- \$30,000 for Old Bar Sand Replenishment Group's study on offshore reef to mitigate heavy sand erosion at Old Bar.
- \$2 million Cattai wetlands restoration at Cooperook.
- Funding for the Saltwater Freshwater Festival in Taree.

Retained the former ATC building in Taree as a community asset by successfully lobbying for its transfer from the federal government to Council.

Jobs

Extension of priority employment status in the electorate, which meant extra funding and support for local jobs growth. Lyne's unemployment rate has now fallen below 6% for the first time ever and the North Coast now has the third strongest jobs growth figures in Australia.

Jobs Expos at Taree and Port Macquarie, which secured employment for almost 400 people.

Port Macquarie youth unemployment now sits at 8% unlike Coffs Harbour, which sits remarkably high at 22%. This is one priority reason why Rob is so keen to represent the Coffs Coast and get stuck into those frighteningly high figures!

Cost of Living

Negotiated lifting the tax-free threshold from \$6,000 to \$18,200 – a million extra Australians no longer pay income tax.



Lobbied for the household assistance package under the Clean Energy Future Plan.

Community

\$600,000 towards \$930,000 Mid-North Coast Community Legal Centre servicing the entire electorate.

\$2.8 million for Port Macquarie Sports Stadium.

A range of better outcomes in fresh food production via National Food Plan.

Climate

Sat on the multi-party Climate Change Committee. Rob chose to participate to negotiate the lowest cost and lowest risk outcome to the agreed science problem.

Carbon trading with help for households and business, fuel exemptions for motorists and light commercial vehicles, and a \$1.7 billion land sector package for land managers and biodiversity outcomes.

Independents were decisive in stopping Labor's planned carbon price on fuel, which would have applied to fuel for motorists, truckies and farmers.

OAKESHOTT OPPOSED:

- Coalition support for coal seam gas mining.
- Attempts to shut down live animal exports. Independents support both humane treatment of animals and Australia's meat export industry.
- Both the major parties on migration politics. Neither is promoting long-term national policies at present.

OAKESHOTT WAS INVOLVED IN:

- Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit - the most powerful statutory committee of the Australian Parliament. Aim is better public administration and accountability.
- Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications: Critical to mid north coast.
- Expert panel on Indigenous Recognition.
- Joint Select Committee on Australia's Immigration Detention Network, trying to improve this badly failing area of national policy.