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NSW Budget Invests in a Better Future for Willoughby

Duty Labor MLC for Willoughby Penny Sharpe today announced a major investment in local jobs, infrastructure and essential frontline services as part of the NSW Budget.

“The NSW Government is investing in a better future for the hardworking families of Willoughby,” Ms Sharpe said.

“Willoughby is a big winner out of the NSW Budget, which invests in local priorities to help build a better future for our community.

“This Budget is a stimulus for Willoughby and for NSW.”

Major Budget investments include:

- \$17.3 million for the development and maintenance of the Willoughby road network, including \$2.7 million for the completion of the Falcon Street pedestrian bridge;
- \$650,000 from the Climate Change Fund to Willoughby City Council for water recycling, energy efficiency and co-generation at a number of sites;
- \$820,000 for continued upgrade of classrooms and staff facilities at Chatswood High School;
- \$987,446 for rail maintenance, including track maintenance to ensure a smoother ride for passengers and minimise disruptions to services; and
- \$657,000 for upgrades to social housing homes in Willoughby.

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal said this year’s Budget invests in jobs to build a better future for NSW.

“The NSW Government is building for the future in local communities despite the tough economic times.

“\$62.9 billion is being invested across NSW over the next four years in the biggest building program in our State’s history supporting up to 160,000 jobs.

“This is a major stimulus which invests in the future of our economy.”