



## Campaign Media Release

# MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## LABOR CANDIDATE FOR PATERSON

### FUNDING FOR BIRUBI POINT SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

The Gillard Labor Government will provide \$2.2 million towards the redevelopment of the Birubi Point Surf Lifesaving Club building near Port Stephens, if elected on 21 August.

The announcement was made today by Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese and Labor Candidate for Paterson, Jim Arneman.

This is about making sure that the volunteers and staff at the club can continue to make local beaches safer, as well as delivering high quality community facilities for residents and visitors in this beautiful part of Australia, Anthony Albanese said.

The project is expected to include construction of a first floor extension to the current building, which will include the club office, community and function space and a kitchen.

We will also deliver better access, infrastructure, landscaping, signage and service improvements to the Birubi Headland and surrounding area, and make sure that energy and water saving measures are used as much as possible.

We will deliver a major boost to the local economy, support local jobs and provide high quality facilities to the more than 100,000 annual visitors to Birubi Point.

The Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club redevelopment is an important part of Federal Labor's plans to build stronger communities and to help tackle the longer term challenges we face in ensuring a sustainable population.

Jim Arneman said he was very pleased to see this commitment for the Anna Bay and Birubi communities

%had strong representations made to me about the importance of this facility for our community, safety and for our young people, and as such, I made strong representations to the Minister,+Jim Arneman said.

%his redevelopment will mean the Birubi Surf Lifesaving Club can give children and young people a greater chance to be involved, to stay active and to learn to take responsibility through programs like lifesaving, first aid and resuscitation training.

% builds on Federal Labor's record investment in local infrastructure, such as \$1.8 million for the Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centre, construction of a senior citizens centre in Raymond Terrace, energy and water efficiency upgrades at leisure and aquatic centres in Port Stephens, and disabled access upgrades at Tomaree Aquatic Centre at Nelson Bay.

%look forward to seeing the Birubi Point project become a reality,+Jim Arneman concluded.

The funding will be provided to Port Stephens Council to manage and deliver the project in conjunction with the surf life saving club, with the total project valued at \$2.9 million.

This announcement will be fully funded, consistent with the Gillard Labor Government's commitment to return the budget to surplus in three years.

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