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NEW PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS FOR GRAFTON

The NSW Government today delivered on its commitment to the Grafton community with the announcement of 75 additional public sector jobs for the local area.

The additional public sector positions for Grafton include:

- 45 staff within Crown Lands Division – Crown Roads Program to clear the current backlog and accelerate the disposal of ‘paper’ Crown roads;
- 25 staff within the Renting Services (formerly the Rental Bond Board) section of the Department of Finance and Services; and
- 5 staff within the Office of Environment and Heritage to deal with native vegetation issues in the north-east corner of NSW.

The 75 new jobs are in addition to the 30 new Roads and Maritime Services roles announced in July, as well as the 79 jobs supported through the Northern Rivers Jobs Plan.

NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner said the jobs would provide a boost to the local economy.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government understands that Grafton has taken its fair share of hits lately, so we have taken positive steps to revitalise the local economy,” Mr Stoner said.

“The local community has made it clear that they need more jobs, and that is why I have identified 75 jobs from across the entire NSW public sector to be created or relocated to Grafton.

“All up, the NSW Government’s recent jobs initiatives will provide 184 new jobs, which is a real shot in the arm for the Grafton economy.

“These initiatives are all part of the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government’s commitment to decentralisation, which has already seen dozens of new police, nurses and education staff allocated to the Northern Rivers.

“Chris Gulaptis has pushed the Government hard on getting these jobs for Grafton, and I would like to thank him for his tireless advocacy.”

Local Member Chris Gulaptis welcomed the Deputy Premier's announcement.

"Today's announcement shows the Nationals not only understand the needs of regional communities like Grafton, but are also able to deliver real results," Mr Gulaptis said.

"The decision to restructure Grafton Gaol was painful for the community and that is why I asked the Premier and Deputy Premier to consider moving Sydney-based public sector jobs to Grafton.

"I am pleased to see the Deputy Premier has been able to deliver these jobs, a mere two months after I first raised the issue with him.

"This is a great boost for the local economy and I thank the Deputy Premier for his hard work."