



Media Release

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\$24 MILLION COMING OUR WAY – INVESTMENT IN NSW DAMS

A joint media release issued by the Federal and State Governments on Sunday, 13 October 2019 advises that a \$1 billion water infrastructure package will be delivered to assist rural and regional communities impacted by the devastating drought in NSW.

The outcome for Tenterfield is that an initial \$24 million will be invested for a minimum 100 gegalitre dam proposed as the Border Rivers Project on the Mole River in the western area of our Shire.

Other areas to benefit will be a \$650 million upgrade to the Wyangala Dam in the State's Central West and a new \$480 million Dungowan Dam near Tamworth with these projects fitting into the National Water Grid Authority aimed at improving regional water security throughout the State.

The Morrison and Berejiklian Governments will split the funding 50/50 to kick-start these priority, large-scale water infrastructure projects which will free up State Government funding to allow progress of critical town water supplies across NSW.

"Both levels of Government are committed to these major projects with a priority to get them off the ground as quickly as possible", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"On behalf of Council and the community I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Deputy Prime Minister The Hon Michael McCormack MP, our Federal Member The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster & Emergency Management The Hon David Littleproud MP, Deputy Premier The Hon John Barilaro MP, and Minister for Water The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, for their support and assistance in gaining this funding for the Tenterfield Shire to enable a feasibility study into the new Border Rivers Project to commence."

"The realisation of this Project will ensure the water sustainability of our town and large areas of our agricultural land when we are faced with drought in the future", Mayor Petty added.

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