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DELIVERING 14 COUNTRY BRIDGES TO BETTER CONNECT OUR REGIONS

14 timber bridges in the Northern Rivers will be replaced with stronger, sturdier and more resilient concrete bridges under the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Farroway said more than \$14 million will go to councils in five Local Government Areas (LGAs) to upgrade 14 ageing timber bridges.

"We are building what matters through the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government's \$500 million Fixing Country Bridges program. We've already rolled out funding for more than 452 bridges," Mr Farroway said.

"These bridges will play a vital role in connecting rural and regional communities to markets, jobs and essential services such as schools and hospitals.

"We are helping councils build bridges that are wider, higher and stronger and support greater load limits. Allowing greater volumes of freight will mean a boost for transport efficiencies and productivity in agriculture and other rural industries.

"We know many ageing timber bridges are susceptible to damage during natural disasters and extreme weather events. That's why we are replacing them with modern materials that will make them more resilient and easier to maintain.

"Some bridges that have been replaced under this program withstood recent floods and continued to provide safe access for communities - had they still been made of timber, they would likely have been badly damaged or destroyed."

Member for Clarence Chris Gulptis said the announcement was a big win for the Clarence electorate with \$5.7 million to fix six timber bridges.

"Bridges keep our community connected, after the extreme weather we have experienced this year, it has become evident that we need to upgrade our infrastructure to be more resilient against mother nature," Mr Gulptis said.

"I'm very pleased that we will build stronger bridges that will keep our region safe in times of an emergency."

Mayor of Lismore City Council Steve Kreig said it was great news for the community

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as it continues to rebuild after the devastating February natural disaster.

“Our existing ageing wooden bridges are not fit for purpose and are unsafe,” Mr Kreig said.

“Lismore City Council is fortunate to have already replaced four wooden bridges across our Local Government Area with another six to go, thanks to Round 1 of Fixing Country Bridges program.

“This additional funding under Round 2 will allow us to replace even more bridges making our road and bridge network safer for motorists and residents.”

More than \$300 million was awarded to councils under Round 1 of the Program, to replace more than 400 timber structures across 53 LGAs, and in July this year, a further \$49.25 million was provided to replace 34 bridges across 21 LGAs.

List of projects:

LGA	Bridge	Amount
Clarence Valley Council	Coombadjha No 4 Bridge - Coombadjha Road, Coombadjha	\$782,285.57
Clarence Valley Council	Coombadjha No 3 Bridge - Coombadjha Road, Coombadjha	\$782,285.57
Clarence Valley Council	Coombadjha No 5 Bridge - Coombadjha Road, Coombadjha	\$679,245.57
Richmond Valley Council	Lollback Bridge - Old Lawrence Road, Busbys Flat	\$583,902.00
Richmond Valley Council	Reynolds Road Bridge - Reynolds Road, Casino	\$1,285,800.00
Clarence Valley Council	Harness Cask Road Bridge - Harness Cask Road, Tyringham	\$1,611,377.12
Kyogle Council	Bridge 11-516 - Baby Creek Road, Woolnsers Arm	\$550,142.00
Kyogle Council	Bridge 138-16359 Duck Creek Road - Upper Duck Creek	\$601,013.00
Kyogle Council	Bridge 134-28260 Paddys Flat Road - Paddys Flat	\$1,802,794.00
Lismore City Council	Fernside Bridge - Fernside Road, Fernside	\$1,630,958.18
Tenterfield Shire Council	Koreelah Creek Bridge - White Swamp Road, Koreelah	\$1,416,420.00

Tenterfield Shire Council	Acacia Creek Bridge - Tooloom Street, Legume	\$713,128.00
Tenterfield Shire Council	Acacia Creek Bridge - Patersons Road, Legume	\$767,229.00
Tenterfield Shire Council	Mole River Bridge - Springfield Road, Mole River	\$1,308,221.00

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