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Quarterly Report to the Region

April to June 2021



TOP 5 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. RDA Illawarra recognised in Parliament in The Hon. Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells Adjournment Speech
2. RDA Illawarra strengthen connections in Canberra
3. Illawarra windfall in Federal Budget \$275m for roads and energy largest in over a decade
4. 40% of City Deal Projects funded in 8 months (\$352.2m)
5. Greater Sydney Commissioners visit Illawarra and Port

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The RDA Illawarra Board and team were proud to be recognised by the Hon. Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells in her Adjournment Speech in Parliament on Tuesday 11 May for our commitment to the region.

Our work on the Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal, Future of Work Project and Leadership Illawarra Program was profiled and commended in this speech.

Watch the video to learn about RDA Illawarra's achievements and future initiatives, including growth of Port of Port Kembla opportunities [here](#).



The Hon. Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

RDA Illawarra strengthen connections in Canberra



RDA Illawarra Chair Eddy De Gabriele, Deputy Chair Joanna Kubota and CEO Debra Murphy attended the [RDA 2021 National Forum](#) in Canberra on 15 - 17 June and had the opportunity to connect with politicians in Parliament House including The Hon. Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Stephen Jones, the Hon. Michael McCormack, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce and the Hon. Nola Marino.



The National Forum, hosted by The Hon. Nola Marino MP, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories, provided an opportunity for RDAs from across Australia to strengthen connections, network and learn from experts in the field of regional economic development.

This year's theme was Growing Stronger Regions together with sessions that focused on regionalisation, the role of infrastructure and financing, growing economic futures and vertical integrated policy-making.



Clockwise from top left: Stephen Jones meets with RDA Illawarra, Michael McCormack & Nola Marino meet with RDA Illawarra, Barnaby Joyce meets with RDA Illawarra, Rachel Bacon meets with RDA Illawarra, Concetta Fierravanti-Wells meets with RDA Illawarra

Illawarra windfall in Federal Budget

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Big Budget Boost for the Illawarra

Energy & Roads to benefit from investment bonanza as Federal Government invests **\$275m** in the region.



- **\$30 million** for proposed Port Kembla power station Australian Industrial Power's (AIP) plan to build a 635 MW hydrogen-ready gas fired power station at Port Kembla.
- **\$5 million** for Tallawarra 'B' project Energy Australia propose to expand capacity on the existing site.

"This is a significant commitment by the federal government to future Green Energy projects for the Illawarra region"

Debra Murphy, Chief Executive - RDA Illawarra



- **\$240 million** to complete Mt Ousley Interchange Complements \$21 million announced by NSW government in November 2021.
- Better connectivity with Greater Sydney
- Improved safety & travel times
- \$46m in economic benefit for the region.

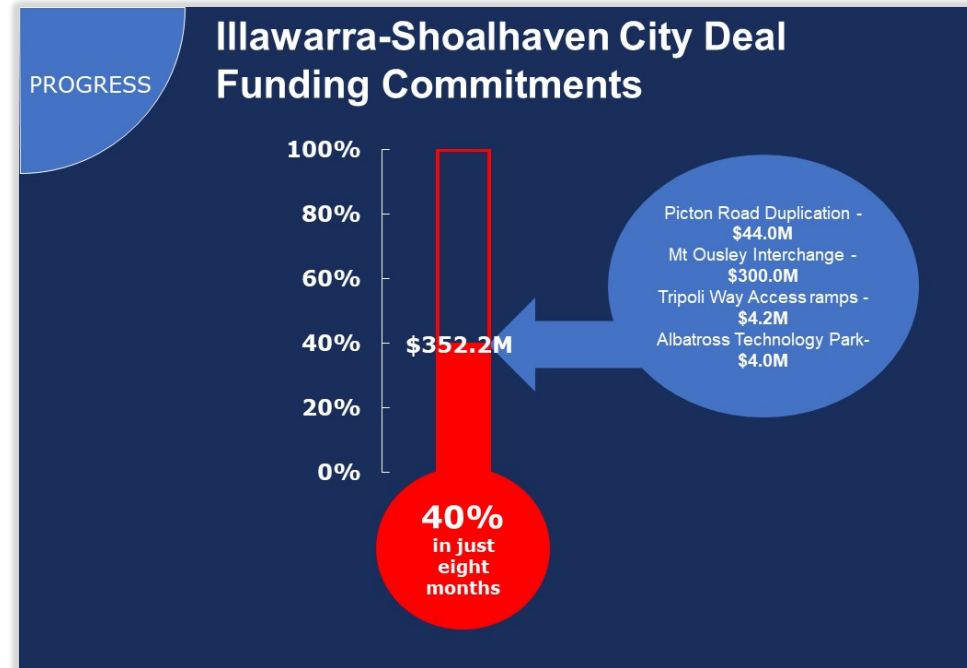
"We are delighted about the announced funding for a project that is included as transformational infrastructure in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal"

Eddy De Gabriele, Chair - RDA Illawarra

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There were some great wins this quarter for the Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal Collaborative, demonstrating our achievements from working together for the regions.

Picton Road and Mt Ousley Interchange comprise a major transport connection between the region and rapidly expanding Western Sydney. The provision of \$344M for these projects is a welcome funding injection from the NSW and Australian Governments.



Greater Sydney Commissioners visit Illawarra and Port



On 4 June, RDA Illawarra were pleased to host Greater Sydney Commission representatives Liz Dibbs (Western City District Commissioner), Jackie Taranto (Economic Commissioner) and Elizabeth Mildwater (CEO) for a tour of the Port of Port Kembla, BlueScope and surrounding industrial land areas. RDA Illawarra Board members Mark Roberts, Joanna Kubota and Linda Davis also attended the visit.



A briefing and discussion with the Greater Sydney Commission and Illawarra stakeholders, including Cardno, centred on the activation of the Port of Port Kembla Precinct, the [Illawarra-Shoalhaven City Deal](#) and the Southern Container Intermodal Rail Terminal.

We look forward to continuing to interact with the Greater Sydney Commission on connectivity between the Illawarra and Western Sydney.

RDA Illawarra Board

More information on the RDA Illawarra Board members can be found [here](#).

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