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Over \$3 million in Funding to TAFE Campuses in Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today announced that three TAFE campuses in Newcastle are to receive over \$3,367,130 in funding as part of the Rudd Labor Government's Better TAFE Facilities program.

The money will go towards the undertaking of maintenance needs, small capital works, and equipment and plant purchases.

"This is a welcome – and long awaited - investment to these TAFE campuses in the Newcastle area," Ms Grierson said.

"Improving teaching facilities will have positive flow on effects to students, and of course to the rest of the community. With the current economic crisis, it is important that students have access to the optimum available educational infrastructure, which is what this money will go towards."

"The local economy and jobs will also benefit from the economic activity generated by these infrastructure projects."

Of particular importance was the funding for a new Maritime Simulator for the Newcastle TAFE campus.

"This piece of training equipment will be a great asset for the internationally recognised maritime and marine facilities at Newcastle TAFE," Ms Grierson said.

The Better TAFE Facilities program is a \$200 million, nation-wide funding initiative aimed at supporting the jobs of today and the jobs of tomorrow by modernising teaching and learning facilities.

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