



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Over \$2 Million for Defence Housing in Newcastle

Nine new Defence houses have been contracted for construction at Fern Bay under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan, injecting \$2,262,229 into the local economy.

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today announced the projects, contracted by Defence Housing Australia.

"The construction of these houses will generate much needed support for local jobs, as well as providing local Defence families with brand new houses," Ms Grierson said.

The houses will be constructed within the next 12 to 18 months.

Nationwide 802 new Defence houses were announced under the Rudd Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan at a cost of close to \$250 million.

"The Economic Stimulus Plan has been a boon for our local construction industry," Ms Grierson said.

"We've now seen almost \$150 million invested into infrastructure projects in Newcastle, demonstrating the Rudd Labor Government's commitment to supporting local economies and jobs."

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