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**RDAF PROJECTS IN HUNTER REGION MOVE TO THE NEXT STAGE**

Sharon Grierson MP, Federal Member for Newcastle, and the Hon. Greg Combet AM MP, Federal Member for Charlton, welcomed today's announcement that local projects will proceed to the full application stage of the \$200 million Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

Local projects selected include Newcastle Airport's Taxiway H Reconstruction and the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange (Section One of Stage One).

"Newcastle received \$7 million for the Newcastle Art Gallery redevelopment and almost \$800,000 for the Hunter Valley Research Foundation in the first round of the Regional Development Australia Fund," Ms Grierson said.

"These projects going to full application stage now have the opportunity to further demonstrate how they will meet the needs of the Region."

"The projects have strong community support and have the potential to provide positive long term impacts," Mr Combet said.

"They take into account priorities of RDA Hunter's Regional Plan and have the capacity to address the needs of our community."

The list of projects selected across the RDA network that are proceeding to full application are available at [www.regional.gov.au](http://www.regional.gov.au)

The closing date for full applications is February 15, 2012. The Department will assess all applications to ensure compliance with the Guidelines.