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\$13.7 million Boost for the University of Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today welcomed the Budget announcement of a \$13.7 million grant to the University of Newcastle.

The funding was announced by the Rudd Government as part of an extra \$500 million to help Australian universities rebuild their infrastructure.

"This funding will allow the University to invest in areas of priority, helping to further refine its reputation as one of Australia's most innovative education institutions," Ms Grierson said.

"The University of Newcastle will receive \$13.7 million from the Rudd Government for infrastructure investment in priority areas such as information and communications technology, laboratories, libraries, teaching spaces and student amenities."

This commitment is a key component of the Government's plan for an education revolution, and it complements several other national announcements in the higher education area including:

- An \$11 billion Education Investment Fund (IEF) for capital expenditure and renewal and refurbishment in universities, vocational institutions and research facilities,
- \$625.8 million to reduce the cost of studying maths and science at university,
- \$249 million to phase out full fee paying domestic undergraduate places at public universities, and
- \$238.6 million to double the number of undergraduate scholarships from 44,000 to 88,000."

"I am pleased we have secured an extra \$13.7 million for the University of Newcastle as part of the Government's continued commitment to investing in education for our nation's future."

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