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\$130K INVESTMENT TO WIRE UP ELECTRO SKILLS CENTRE IN NEWCASTLE

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson has today announced \$130,169 in Australian Government funding to Electro Skills Pty Ltd to refurbish and expand its training centre at Warabrook.

The funding will allow the centre to expand to around 200 students a year undertaking accredited Vocational Education and Training (VET) in fields such as optical fibre cabling, electrical supply industry distribution and transmission, and electrical supply industry rail traction.

"A workforce skilled in the electricity and energy fields is vital for the future of our region," Ms Grierson said.

"The expansion of this centre will help to meet the high level of demand for skilled workers in Newcastle and the Hunter."

"Recognising the importance of students learning in an up-to-date environment, the Australian Government has provided funding for the fit-out and installation of wiring booths, workbenches and boardroom seminar facilities."

"This funding is another example of the Australian Government investing in training infrastructure and the skills of our workforce."

The \$130,169 funding is provided under the Industry Skills Centre component of the *National Training Infrastructure Program*.

"I congratulate Electro Skills on securing this funding and look forward to its ongoing contribution to the future of skills and training in our region."

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