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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Rest Area Amenities funding for Gunnedah with a catch**

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper was today delighted to receive news of a \$50,000 State Government allocation for a new toilet facility at a popular rest area in Gunnedah.

Mr Draper made representations for the funding on behalf of the Gunnedah Shire Council to Roads Minister Carl Scully to install amenities at the Redbank Rest Area on the Oxley Highway east of Gunnedah.

“The funding is most welcome, however, I believe there’s a catch,” Mr Draper said.

“Within the allocation announcement there is a stipulation that council use the money before the end of the financial year.

Mr Draper said the allocation was based “on council undertaking the design, environmental assessment, site preparation and installation”, all of which must be achieved within about six weeks.

“The Minister has clearly stated the funding is dependent on council “achieving” the work within the current financial year which I fear will be a difficult undertaking,” he said.

“I am calling on Mr Scully to recognise the time constraints council is under in order to make use of this funding and allow an extension of time if needed.”

Mr Draper is liaising with Gunnedah Shire Council executives to determine whether the project is “achievable” in the time allocated.

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