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\$300,000 boost to maintenance works at public schools in the Tamworth electorate

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has welcomed almost \$300,000 in funding from the NSW Department of Education and Training for maintenance projects at 13 public schools in the Tamworth electorate.

The Minister, Dr Andrew Refshauge, announced the funding as part of a \$22 million package to be spent on 1500 maintenance projects in NSW public schools.

Mr Draper said the spectrum of issues identified at the schools in the Tamworth electorate reflected the urgent need for infrastructure investment in rural schools and he welcomed the fact that \$293,350 would be spent to improve the physical environment at 13 schools.

“Teachers, staff and students deserve to operate in school environments that are not only safe but pleasant places to be. The money will be spent on the basics such as plumbing, improving amenities, upgrading walkways, erecting fencing and improving stormwater control,” he said.

The list of 13 schools and the allocations included:

- Carroll Public School - \$7,349 to replace water pipes
- Currabubula Public School - \$16,156 for new carpets
- Dungowan Public School - \$12,133 for new water pipes and a new tank
- Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School - \$31,859 to waterproof a toilet, shower and bathroom areas
- Gunnedah High School - \$559 for sewer maintenance
- Kootingal Public School - \$2,249 to repair gutters
- Oxley High School - \$49,926 for ground works, stormwater drain maintenance and walkway repairs

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- Oxley Vale Public School - \$9,760 for stormwater drain maintenance
- Tamworth South Public School - \$80,138 to replace water pipes
- Walcha Central School - \$12,337 to replace asphalt
- Werris Creek Public School - \$58,133 for retaining wall repairs
- Woolbrook Public School - \$11,131 for new fencing and;
- Woolomin Public School - \$1,620 to replace water pipes.

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