

5.2 NATION BUILDING AND JOBS PLAN: BUILDING PROSPERITY FOR THE FUTURE AND SUPPORTING JOBS NOW

Nation Building and Jobs Plan

The implementation of the *Nation Building and Jobs Plan* will be finalised in the first half of 2011-12. The elements of the Territory's activities under the Plan are described below.

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

The BER component is comprised of two elements. The first of these is the *National School Pride* (NSP) program under which every school in the ACT received an allocation of funding for minor refurbishments and items such as interactive whiteboards, hall/classroom refurbishments and shade structures. All 84 ACT schools projects funded under this program have been completed.

The second element is the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* (P21) program. Under this program 68 projects for the construction of new facilities such as libraries, assembly halls, multi-purpose facilities and outdoor learning areas at ACT primary schools were funded, and all 68 of the projects have been completed.

Table 5.2.1
BER Program (Progress as at 30 April 2011)

Program	Total \$'000	Number of Projects	Number Commenced	Number Completed
NSP	12,738	84	84	84
P21	139,769	68	68	68

The construction component of the BER projects was completed in the last quarter of 2010-11 and financial completion of the program will be achieved in early 2011-12.

Social Housing

The social housing component of the Plan includes the construction of new dwellings and repairs and maintenance to existing Housing ACT properties. The Nation Building social housing package being rolled out in the ACT provides a mixture of larger multi-unit dwellings and detached dwellings.

Details of the social housing program in the ACT are provided in Table 5.2.2 below.

Table 5.2.2
Social Housing Program (Progress as at 30 April 2011)

Program	Total \$'000	Number of Projects	Number Commenced	Number Completed
Stage 1	11,147	57	57	57
Stage 2	75,934	364	364	228
Repairs and Maintenance	6,442	259	259	259

Stage 2 of the Social Housing program provided support for older social housing tenants. A range of new homes have been built at eight prime locations across the Territory including Condor, Macquarie, Curtin, Kambah, Bonython, Chapman, Florey and Rivett. Each property is constructed in a tranquil, village-like setting, creating a secure, independent atmosphere.

Regional, Local and Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP)

The Eddison Park Skate Park and Youth Plaza and the Glebe Park Stage and Shade Structure were previously completed as part of Round 1 of the RLCIP.

Under Round 2, the ACT was allocated \$0.8 million which was used for the following projects:

- construction of a loading area for the Mobile Library at Woden;
- construction of two bike and ride facilities, with swipe card access and bike storage for around 20 bikes at each location, along with two bus stop shelters;
- upgrade of shade structures, picnic settings and access pathways; and
- upgrade of picnic facilities and shade structures at Western Foreshore District Park at Lake Ginninderra.

All of these projects are complete.

On 3 June 2010, the Commonwealth announced funding of \$2 million to support the construction of a new skate park at Belconnen. This project is part of a \$7.7 million redevelopment of the Lake Ginninderra Foreshore. The demolition of the existing skate park has been completed and construction of the new park has commenced.

Other projects approved in the recently announced Round 3 of the RLCIP include:

- Commonwealth Park – Floriade infrastructure – \$0.385 million;
- Tuggeranong Town Park Stage – Stage 2 – \$0.385 million; and
- Molonglo Reach – Riparian restoration and amenity upgrade – \$0.060 million.

Road Programs

As part of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan, the ACT has completed the following road projects in 2009-10 and 2010-11:

- 12 Black Spot projects across Canberra;
- Tharwa Bridge Substructure;
- Barry Drive Bus Lane;
- Flemington Road Bus Lane; and
- London Circuit and Northbourne Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation.

The work on the Kings Highway realignment project is due to commence following the completion of final construction approvals. The Lanyon Drive duplication project has recently been completed and approval has been obtained to transfer the funding for the Airport Roads project to the duplication of the Monaro Highway over Canberra Avenue.