



## Campaign Media Release

**Jenny Macklin**  
**Minister for Families and Community Services**

**Deb O'Neill**  
**Member for Robertson**

### **KIBBLEPLEX FUNDING WILL HELP CREATE JOBS FOR THE FUTURE**

Minister for Families and Community Services, Jenny Macklin and Member for Robertson, Deb O'Neill today announced \$7 million towards the establishment of a Learning and Development Centre in Gosford to help grow local jobs on the Central Coast.

The Learning and Development Centre, known as Kibbleplex, will help revitalise the Gosford central business district and be a centre of excellence for innovation on the Central Coast.

Minister Macklin said the rollout of the National Broadband Network on the Central Coast would underpin local jobs growth into the future.

"The National Broadband Network will make local businesses more productive – their internet services will be accessible, fast and cheap," Minister Macklin said.

"It will mean new ways of doing business here on the Central Coast and that is where the Kibbleplex comes in.

"Kibbleplex will harness the new opportunities presented by Federal Labor's NBN by creating a hub for business, education and innovation all under one roof."

The Rudd Labor Government will partner with Gosford Council, the University of Newcastle, and private enterprise to deliver the project.

It which will involve the refurbishment of the first floor of the former Town Centre building to create space for a regional library, offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms, as well as a teleworking hub.

Ms O'Neill said that it would be a one-stop shop for innovation in Gosford.

"The rollout of the NBN has breathed new life into Gosford, and Kibbleplex will change the way we do business here on the Central Coast, creating new opportunities for telework and making sure that locals can cut their commute and work close to home." Ms O'Neill said.

"People on the Central Coast are hardworking and innovative. We have already seen high paying research and development jobs coming to Gosford. Kibbleplex will build on that, and will help Gosford to reach its potential and create more local jobs and training opportunities."

Funding for this project is from the latest round of the Regional Development Australia Fund, which is provided for in the budget.

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