

## **\$20,000 for Gilgandra to reap rewards of Inland Rail, Coulton announces**

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- **Three projects in the Parkes electorate funded under round two of the Building Better Regions Fund Community Investment stream**
- **The Coalition Government is investing \$77,100 in the Parkes electorate to support community activities**
- **Over 100 Community Investment stream projects will share in more than \$4 million**

Communities in the Parkes electorate will receive a boost following the announcement of three successful projects under the Coalition Government's Building Better Regions Fund - Community Investment stream.

Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, announced one of the successful recipients is Gilgandra Shire Council, which has been granted \$20,000 to help the community capitalise on the far-reaching benefits of Inland Rail.

"This is a fantastic outcome for Gilgandra, as one of three strong community-based projects across the electorate receiving a total of \$77,100 in funding," Mr Coulton said.

"Inland Rail is a nation-building project that will deliver widespread benefits, including reduced transport congestion, thousands of jobs and better-connected regions.

"It will completely invigorate communities including Gilgandra, and I'm pleased that through this funding, Gilgandra can build on the benefits Inland Rail will offer."

Mr Coulton said the funding will deliver an Inland Rail Strategic and Action Plan to guide the community through the next three years, ensuring Gilgandra is prepared to take full advantage of all opportunities this nation building project will present.

"This plan will address local participation and employment in the construction phase of Inland Rail, including Indigenous employment and the procurement of local goods. It will also ensure Gilgandra is well-placed to provide meaningful input into the Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

"I believe this plan is a great step forward, and I would like to congratulate the Gilgandra Shire Council on receiving this important funding.

"Community-based projects drive economic growth and revitalise communities, ensuring that our region remains resilient and prosperous into the future," Mr Coulton said.

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh said the Building Better Regions Fund continues to deliver major benefits for rural, regional and remote communities throughout Australia.

"This is another part of our plan for regional Australia, supporting community activities from local events and strategic planning to improving leadership and capability," Dr McVeigh said.

"Under round two, the Coalition Government is investing more than \$4 million in over 100 Community Investment stream projects across Australia valued at over \$7.3 million. This is expected to create more than 4,000 jobs which will beef up local economies."

# The Hon Mark **COULTON** MP

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Other successful recipients in the Parkes electorate include RiverSmart in Warren and Cobar Shire Council.

Successful projects for round two of the Infrastructure stream will be announced in the near future. A full list of successful round two projects under the Community Investment stream are available at [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](http://www.business.gov.au/bbrf)

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