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Federal Government's contribution key for region's 2025 election priorities

Housing solutions, a strategic naval presence, regional water supply and wastewater, and a modern events and sporting precinct have all been identified as critical priorities for the Gladstone Region ahead of the 2025 Australian Federal Election.

Gladstone Regional Council's 2025 Australian Federal Election Priorities

Housing – Provide immediate solutions to the housing crisis.

Royal Australian Navy Fleet Base – Establish a permanent Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Base in Gladstone (Fleet Base North), as the primary home of the RAN's east-coast fleet.

Regional Water Supply and Wastewater – $170M over the next three years to fund and meet current and future regional water supply and wastewater infrastructure needs.

Harvey Road Sports and Events Precinct – $3.4M to secure approvals and complete detailed designs for the project to be construction investment ready.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said all political parties and their leaders are being called upon to play their part in growing the Gladstone Region.

"The federal government's continued contribution and support, whether that be engagement and/or investment in our priorities is key in turning them into reality for our community," Councillor Burnett said.

"Our region is home to 65,000 people, supports almost 28,000 jobs, has an annual economic output of $20.535 billion and is well positioned for ongoing growth."

Cr Burnett said the priorities identified focus on strategic infrastructure and policy initiatives that will not only drive the region forward but are critical to support the national economy.

"I welcome all enquiries as well as commitments from candidates to play their part in ensuring the Gladstone Region remains a fantastic place to live, work, invest and play."

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/election for more information on Council's priorities ahead of the 2025 Australian Federal Election.

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