



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **Budget blow out of regional complex**

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, today slammed the former Labor Government for its financial mismanagement of the regional shooting complex at Hill Top in the Southern Highlands.

“Despite a further \$1.2 million approved by the former Government one day before entering caretaker mode, the Regional Shooting Complex at Hill Top is still approximately \$2.5 million dollars over budget.

“This typifies a number of projects I inherited in my portfolio again highlighting Labor’s financial mismanagement and inability to bring projects in on time and on budget.

“It is important that the public record reflects that the \$3.3 million included in last week’s budget is a carry-over of the original funds committed by the previous Government for this project.

“This is not new money approved by the current NSW Government.

“Due to the budget blowout there are only enough allocated funds for contracted work on the 500 metre rifle range which is scheduled to become operational in early 2012.

“The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has confirmed the current noise variation application will be determined by the Planning Assessment Commission,” Mr Annesley said.

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