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Emergency services upgrade for Yorke and Mid North

A new \$70,000 hardstand at the Peterborough airstrip will result in faster and more efficient emergency services for the Yorke and Mid North region.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock initiated the project after meeting with local community leaders prior to the Country Cabinet held in the Mid North in March.

“Community leaders indicated that one of their most urgent priorities was access to emergency health facilities,” Mr Brock said.

“Previously, helicopters were unable to land at the town’s unsealed airstrip, landing instead on the town’s oval, with some risk to passengers and pilots, as well as damage to community infrastructure.

“Now the helicopter can land directly at the Peterborough airstrip allowing for safe and efficient transfer for emergency patients to major or regional centres for treatment.

“On a visit to the region last year I inspected the Peterborough airstrip with local community leaders, Mr Brock said.

“It was clear that the completion of the hardstand would have a positive and profound impact on the capacity of the town to deliver emergency services to the region.

“Essential infrastructure such as this is just one ingredient in enabling regional growth.

“It boosts the local economy, leads to increased job opportunities and helps provide sustainable regional growth opportunities,” Mr Brock said

District Council of Peterborough Mayor Ruth Whittle welcomed the project’s completion and the benefits it will bring to the region.

“This much needed infrastructure will literally save lives in the Mid North, and we are very grateful for the State Government’s vision and support in making this happen,” she said.