



# Ray Williams MP

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### **NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDS NEW WALKING AND CYCLING NETWORKS – A HUGE WIN FOR CASTLE HILL**

Member for Castle Hill, Ray Williams, today announced a major boost to walking and cycling connections in The Hills thanks to a \$39 million state-wide investment by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government.

More than 300 walking and cycling projects across the state are being funded to provide more opportunities for people to cycle and walk, better connect communities, improve safety for pedestrians and bicycle riders, and encourage more people to get active.

“I am pleased that Castle Hill will benefit from this funding injection, with 2 projects in the region to be delivered in partnership with local councils,” Mr Williams said.

Projects to be funded in Castle Hill include:

- \$350,000 to construct a shared footpath from Castle Hill Showground to Windsor Road. 50 percent of the \$700,000 total project cost will be from the state government and 50 percent from The Hills Shire Council, with construction to finish in 2016/17; and
- \$75,000 to construct a signalised pedestrian crossing at Glenhaven Public School on Glenhaven Road. 50 percent of the \$150,000 total project cost will be from the state government and 50 percent from The Hills Shire Council, with construction set to commence in 2016/17.

Mr Williams said with cycling more popular than ever before and walking trips on the rise, the NSW Government was providing the infrastructure needed to support local communities.

“These projects will provide a huge boost for residents and businesses – completing crucial missing links in the city’s/town’s walking and cycling network, and providing better connections between local suburbs and to public transport hubs,” Mr Williams said.

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need to provide access to safe, convenient and connected walking and cycling networks.

“This investment is about connecting people and places and making a difference to the way residents move around their communities.”

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services will now work with local councils across the state on the delivery of each project.

For further information on projects to be delivered, visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cycling](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cycling)

Projects selected for the walking and cycling program are identified through a nomination process open to Councils and NSW Government.

The NSW Government has delivered more than \$180 million worth of cycleways and walking upgrades over the last five years.

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