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\$2.5M GRANT TO HELP COUNCIL DELIVER FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Hills Shire Council has received a \$2,540,844 Federal Government grant to help the council deliver vital services and infrastructure for the Hills Shire such as fixing roads, funding new infrastructure and investing in environmental programs.

The Financial Assistance Grants scheme provides funding in two parts – the first is open for councils to use the funding on local priorities and the second is specifically for roads.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said the initiative gives councils the freedom to fund projects the community needs the most.

“The council can spend the grant money how, when and on what they choose, including infrastructure renewal and maintenance of local roads and bridges,” Mr Williams said.

“We would like to thank Senator Fiona Nash for restoring the estimated 3.4 per cent indexation” said Member for Baulkham Hills David Elliott. “This has provided an additional \$24 million to our state’s councils; and we want every dollar that goes into Local Government to count for every ratepayer”.

The early distribution allows councils to start projects early, or earn interest on this money, or it may help them put up their contribution for grants applications for projects in their area.

Mr Williams stated “With indexation being reinstated for Financial Assistance Grants, the Building Better Regions Fund, Roads to Recovery and Bridges to Renewal, the Federal Government is looking after local councils. With the high rate of growth in The Hills Shire, this extra Federal funding provides councils with another boost to support local projects and services”.

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