

## The Hon Ray Williams MP

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## MORE RECREATIONAL SPACE FOR HILLS DISTRICT

The NSW Government will provide nearly seven hectares of Crown land to Hills Shire Council to expand a popular local reserve and provide more recreation space for the region's residents.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said the additional land will expand Fred Caterson Reserve to more than 54 hectares.

"Fred Caterson Reserve is a large multiple sports facility on Gilbert Road in Castle Hill that has been used for public recreation since 1895," Mr Williams said.

"It provides great recreational space, with five soccer fields, three cricket fields, cricket nets, a baseball field, 10 tennis courts, a BMX track, remote control car track, a basketball stadium, walking tracks and an extensive cycleway.

"The parcel of Crown land that is being given to council to manage is currently underutilised, so its addition to Fred Caterson Reserve will allow the council to determine the best future uses for the expanded reserve for public recreation to support the region's growing population."

The parcel of land is currently used by Hills District Pony Club, which will continue to use the site while it liaises with Hills Shire Council to identify a new site.

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes said expanding Fred Caterson Reserve was great news for the community.

"We're committed to providing communities right across the State with easy access to fantastic public spaces where they can relax, socialise with friends and spend time with their families," Mr Stokes said.

"Good planning means more than just providing new homes, roads and buildings. It also means providing quality recreational land that makes our cities healthier places to live."

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