

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Western Sydney

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INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST FOR CASTLE HILL

The Castle Hill Electorate is set to benefit from more than \$1.9 million in funding for infrastructure improvements supporting the growth of new homes and jobs.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the NSW Government will provide more than \$1.9 million for infrastructure improvements in the electorate from its Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC).

"Funding for the right infrastructure in the right place at the right time will ensure our growing region is able to provide a better quality of life for our current and future residents," Mr Williams said.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes said the funding for new and upgraded infrastructure was the result of upfront strategic planning and the investment of developer contributions.

"Good planning is up front about what infrastructure is needed to support new development, so new communities get vital public assets like new roads and schools much faster," Mr Stokes said.

"We are using the Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC), Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) and Low Cost Loans (LCL) programs to invest more than a quarter of a billion dollars into new roads, schools, public spaces and emergency and community facilities.

"This infrastructure funds bonanza is in addition to Government's recent adoption of all 29 recommendations from the NSW Productivity Commission review into the developer contributions system which will further supercharge infrastructure delivery."

The funding will support the following projects in the Castle Hill Electorate:

- Terry Road North Mason Road South to Mason Road North
- Annangrove Road Withers Road to Windsor Road sub arterial upgrade

The SIC and VPA programs levy financial contributions from new development and provide the funding to councils and state agencies to help deliver infrastructure including roads, regional open space and social infrastructure and facilities.



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The third round of the Low Cost Loans Initiative will see 13 councils reimbursed for half of their interest costs on loans, unlocking more than \$300 million in infrastructure works to support new housing developments, including roads, sporting facilities and open space.

For more information on the Government's Infrastructure Funding Programs visit: https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Infrastructure-funding

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