

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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APPLICATION OPENING FAST-TRACKED FOR \$500M ROAD REPAIR FUND

The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government have fast-tracked the opening of applications for the \$500 million Regional and Local Roads Repair Program.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said The Hills Shire Council can now apply earlier for their slice of \$500 million in NSW Government funding for urgent road repairs.

"Our priority is to make sure NSW roads are in the best condition possible so tradies and truckies can work and families can make their way home from holidays safely," Mr Williams.

"The Hills Shire Council are eligible for a one-off payment to help them fix roads that have been damaged by successive severe weather events throughout 2022.

"Applications will now open from 11 January 2023 and the money will start to drop into council bank accounts within weeks to ensure repairs can get underway as soon as possible.

"We've fast-tracked this cash injection and made the process simple so councils can focus on important road repairs that will keep communities connected and safe."

Councils need to make an application to Transport for NSW, who will allocate the funds based on total kilometres of roads managed in each local government area.

The funding split will provide \$280 million for rural and regional councils and \$220 million for councils in Greater Sydney and outer metropolitan areas.

This new money is on top of existing funding and assistance to councils including the Regional Roads Block Grant program and NSW Disaster Assistance Arrangements.

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