



The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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PAVING THE WAY FOR URGENT LOCAL ROAD REPAIRS IN METRO SYDNEY

The Castle Hill Electorate will share \$220 million in funding thanks to a major investment by the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government to repair roads damaged by unprecedented rain.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said The Hills Shire council would receive funding in days for immediate repairs.

"I know how tough it has been for flood-impacted communities and this funding will go a long way in delivering immediate benefits to local motorists, tourists and the freight industry with safer and more reliable journeys," Mr Williams said.

"This new funding from the Liberal and Nationals NSW Government is in addition to \$25 million made available last year and the \$1.5 billion spent annually on road maintenance of state roads."

Minister for Metropolitan Roads Natalie Ward said thirty-five metropolitan councils will share \$220 million in funding.

"We have listened to the call from Councils for help to deal with the backlog of road damage caused by repeated weather events over the last 12 months," Mrs Ward said.

"Through this funding, councils can act now on urgent road and pothole repairs, as well as protect against reoccurring challenges through the use of technology such as cold mix.

"These works are in addition to the work our crews carry out on state roads, with more than 22,500 potholes repaired and more than one million square metres of road re-sheeted on Sydney state roads in the past 12 months."

The \$220 million is part of the \$500 million Regional and Local Road Repair Program and is in addition to \$25 million made available last year for flood-affected councils and the \$1.5 billion spent annually by the NSW Government on maintenance of state roads.

Funding is shared between the thirty-five state councils based on the proportion of overall roads managed within Metropolitan areas in NSW.

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