



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### **RECORD INVESTMENT OF \$40.6 MILLION FOR ANIMAL WELFARE AND REHOMING**

The Liberal and Nationals Government today announced a record investment of \$40.6 million in funding to improve the welfare of animals across the State.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the vital funding will improve animal welfare in Castle Hill through number of worthwhile organisations.

“This is the biggest investment in animal welfare ever, demonstrating the deep commitment the Liberal and Nationals Government has to protecting pets, companion animals and wildlife,” Mr Williams said.

The funding includes:

- \$20.5 million for the RSPCA NSW to expand enforcement of animal cruelty laws
- \$5.5 million Animal Welfare League to expand enforcement of animal cruelty laws
- \$12 million to support the construction of new facilities for companion animal rehoming at the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home at Kurnell
- \$1.5 million to the Cat Protection Society to deliver cat desexing programs
- \$750,000 for Lucy’s Project, an organisation which improves access to support for people with animals experiencing domestic and family violence
- \$350,000 to Greyhound Rescue to support the rehoming of greyhounds

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the major funding boost will provide greater outcomes for animal rehoming organisations and crack down on animal abusers who violate the Governments strict animal cruelty laws.

“The past few years have shown just how important companion animals are to the wellbeing of families and households across the State,” Mr Perrottet said.

Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman said the funding package follows a review of animal rehoming practices, focused on actions to reduce unnecessary euthanasia and to increase the rehoming of companion animals.

“This record investment by the Liberals and Nationals will ensure that unclaimed or abandoned cats and dogs can be quickly adopted by new families and into their forever home,” Mrs Tuckerman said.



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Minister for Agriculture Dugald Saunders welcomed the funding boost for animal welfare enforcement.

“It’s important that RSPCA NSW and the Animal Welfare League have the resources they need to continue to do their important work to stamp out animal cruelty in NSW,” Mr Saunders said.

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