

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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MORE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN CASTLE HILL MANAGE THEIR BUDGETS

More families across Castle Hill will be able to get support to help manage their finances, achieve their savings goals and reduce pressures on their household budgets, thanks to the Liberal and Nationals Government.

Under the plan, an additional \$10 million will be provided to non-for-profit organisations as part of the Financial Counselling Services Program, to provide more financial counselling to families across Castle Hill and the state.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said this funding boost would double the capacity of the program so more people in Castle Hill can get access to the financial guidance they need.

"We recognise there is significant pressure on household budgets right now from higher inflation and interest rate rises." Mr Williams said.

"There are many families across NSW who are doing it tough."

"We will make sure more financial counselling is available to those who are experiencing financial stress and hardship."

"This funding boost will mean organisations can take on an extra 100 financial counsellors."

"These financial counsellors will be able to provide free and confidential advice on a wide range of financial matters such as budget planning, dispute resolution or assistance with accessing government rebates."

"This is about ensuring that families across Castle Hill get the support they need to find a pathway forward.

"The Liberal and Nationals Government will also continue to support Castle Hill households through our \$250 energy bill saver, our toll relief rebate scheme, small business rebate, our active kids and creative kids vouchers, regional seniors travel card and more."

"We want to make sure the next generation are financially secure through our Kids Future Fund, which will future proof the finances of kids across Castle Hill." Mr Williams said.



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Only a Liberal and Nationals Government can be trusted to take pressure off household budgets, thanks to our long-term economic plan to keep our state moving forward.

The Financial Counselling Services Program provides funding to non-for-profit organisations that employ trained financial counsellors to assist families.

For more information, visit the Financial Counselling Service Program website.

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