

# NSW Budget 2024-25



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### Budget builds stronger councils for stronger communities

The Minns Labor Government is building a stronger local government sector by ensuring councils are better positioned to deliver on the key outcomes their communities need, including the delivery of new homes.

The Government recognises councils' critical role in the housing crisis and has reserved **\$200 million** in grants for councils to meet and beat their housing targets.

This funding will help councils deliver infrastructure including roads, open spaces and community facilities.

The 2024-25 NSW Budget invests in further strengthening councils with an additional **\$37.4 million** to bolster the capacity of the Office of Local Government which has been under-resourced for decades.

This funding will enable the Office of Local Government to enact better regulation and enhance its ability to intervene quickly when governance and financial issues are identified across the State's 128 councils.

It will also support reform delivery, namely, to the councillor code of conduct and to increase transparency and accountability across local government.

The Budget also assists NSW pensioners with cost-of-living pressures, providing **\$78.5 million** in 2024-25 to continue funding council rate concessions.

Councils are the closest level of government to the people of NSW, but more than a decade of neglect by the previous government has left serious challenges which impact councils' ability to deliver the services NSW communities use every day.

This funding is part of the Minns Labor Government's plan to build better communities for NSW.

A plan to build stronger councils to deliver the services people rely on today and into the future.

A plan to build a better NSW.

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