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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WELCOMES BILLION DOLLAR INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST

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The peak body for the local government workforce has welcomed a \$1 billion local infrastructure injection in the 2021-22 Federal Budget.

The Australian Government announced the boost to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program that supports local governments in delivering priority roadworks and community infrastructure project, bringing the total investment to \$2.5 billion since May 2020.

“This new funding speaks to the success of the Infrastructure Program that has been empowering councils to deliver local jobs and economic stimulus while our communities recover from the fallout of the pandemic,” said Local Government Professionals Australia President, Victoria MacKirdy.

Local Government Professionals Australia praised the Australian Government’s 2020 announcement of the LRCI Program and has since worked closely with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications to accelerate its progress.

“With this new phase including greater funding and a longer delivery window, local governments will be able to take on more complex projects with more valuable and lasting impacts on their communities,” said Ms MacKirdy.

“Local Government Professionals Australia has been working closely with the Department since the LRCI was first announced to make sure feedback was being heard in both directions between local and federal government.

“This new announcement demonstrates how this collaborative approach has really delivered for Australian communities.”

Local Government Professionals Australia has applauded the work of local government officers in being able to rapidly respond to Australian Government requests and to quickly bring shovel-ready projects to the table.

“Local government is practical, agile, and community-focused in its approach, and we have demonstrated an ability to fast-track infrastructure projects to help stimulate the economy and delivery for communities across Australia,” said Ms MacKirdy.

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About Local Government Professionals Australia

Local Government Professionals Australia is the national component of the peak body representing local government professionals, with a focus on developing organisations and the broader local government sector, to build better communities around Australia.

Since the foundation of the organisation in 1936, LG Professionals Australia has created opportunities for the near 200,000 local government workforce across over 500 councils to come together to share ideas, discuss challenges and learn new ways of practice.

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