



The Hon Ray Williams MP

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ELECTORATE TO BENEFIT FROM SOARING NSW BUDGET RESULT

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said today's Budget will continue record levels of investment in infrastructure like hospitals, schools, roads and public transport, laying the foundations for communities across Castle Hill electorate and New South Wales to flourish.

The NSW Budget 2017-18 shows New South Wales is expected to record a surplus of \$4.5 billion in 2016-17, with a surplus of \$2.7 billion forecast for 2017-18 and average surpluses of \$2.0 billion forecast over the four years to 2020-21.

New South Wales continues to have negative net debt, with net debt projected to be negative \$7.8 billion at June 2017 – by far the lowest level on record – and forecast to remain lower than any other mainland state as a share of GSP.

The Government is continuing with record levels of investment in infrastructure, with \$72.7 billion committed over four years in this Budget.

The budget includes investment of \$7.7 billion over four years for world-class hospitals and health infrastructure, and \$4.2 billion over four years for new and improved schools.

Meanwhile, the Government is maintaining record levels of transport and road investment – totalling \$41.4 billion over four years – getting commuters home faster to spend more time with their families.

Mr Williams said the Government's strong economic and financial management, and its successful reform agenda, means that [insert electorate] is sharing in the world-class infrastructure and services announced today.

"This Budget delivers real change for families, retirees, small business owners and residents living across the electorate of [insert electorate], laying the foundation for future growth across our community," Mr Williams said. "This is a fantastic result for our community of Castle Hill."

Budget highlights for the Castle Hill electorate include:

- 15M+ for Roads, Safety & Infrastructure
- Additional funding for our growing school population
- Additional \$217 million for early childhood education

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