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CHANGES TO FIXING COUNTRY ROAD APPLICATION PROCESS A HUGE WIN FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

A common sense change to the way local councils apply for Fixing Country Roads Grants will see more projects delivered faster.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said applications for the program can now be received at anytime with information forwarded to Infrastructure NSW for assessment and funding recommendation.

“Councils can now apply for roads funding anytime, with the NSW Government making the Fixing Country Roads funding rolling applications,” Mrs Pavey said.

The NSW Government has already committed over \$250 million for rounds one, two and three of the Fixing Country Roads program and approved 178 projects including roads, bridges, truck washes and route load assessments across the state.

“This is a common sense change to a program that is already providing huge benefits across the state,” Mrs Pavey said.

“By accepting applications at any time we are taking pressure off councils to meet deadlines and will see more projects delivered faster.”

Mrs Pavey said the NSW Government is investing in regional and rural communities across the state.

“We’re continuing to fix the blackspots, seal our country roads and work with local councils through programs such as Fixing Country Roads to deliver safety initiatives in regional areas,” she said.

“We want to make sure this government is providing the right regional investments and making sure that no matter what region, people can work, live and study anywhere in NSW.”

The change to the application process comes into effect from January 1, 2018.

Photo: Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey at the Local Government NSW Conference last week announcing changes to the Fixing Country Roads Application process.

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