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### **Local government welcomes additional Federal road funding**

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) welcomes the announcement by the Federal Government of an additional \$250 million through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

These additional funds as part of Phase 4 of the program were restricted to rural, regional and outer-urban areas and will see 28 Tasmanian councils receive almost \$9 million.

While the original \$500 million of funding also included community infrastructure projects, these extra funds are limited to road network projects only.

LGAT President and West Tamar Mayor, Christina Holmdahl, said that “the additional Federal funding is a terrific boost to Tasmanian councils who manage 80% of the road network in the state”.

“However, it is disappointing that councils are being restricted to using these funds on road projects instead of being able to utilise the funding on other important community projects as the program originally intended.

“Councils should be given the opportunity to identify and fund projects within their municipality that deliver the best outcome for their community,” she said.

The LRCI Program was established in 2020 and around 9,500 projects have been supported nationwide through Phases 1-3.

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