



Local Government Grants Commission

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Dear Mr Winn

In accordance with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission's (Commission) policy of providing information to councils about the way the Commission calculates financial assistance grants (FAGs), please find attached a summary of Council's 2022- 23 estimated FAGs entitlement (**Appendix A**).

The national FAGs estimated entitlement for 2022-23 is \$2.817 billion and is made up of \$1.951 billion for the general purpose component and \$0.866 billion for the local roads component. The national estimated entitlement for 2021-22 increased by \$86 million to account for final adjustments to the CPI and population shares for the year.

The Commonwealth Treasury's estimate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2021- 22 was adjusted up in July 2022. When compared to the 2021-22 final adjusted amount, the total national estimated FAGs for 2022-23 increased by 2.7%. Accordingly, the State's FAGs allocation for 2022-23 is slightly higher than last year, however the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic remains difficult to predict.

The national general purpose component was distributed across the states and territories on a population basis. NSW received 30.85% or \$617.9 million in the general purpose component, which represents a 3.3% increase on last year's final figure. The local roads component is based on an historical formula. NSW's share of the total road funding is a fixed 29% share, or \$251.2 million, which represents a 2.7% increase. The total 2022-23 FAGs estimated entitlement for NSW is \$869.1 million.



Annual Grant Entitlements	National % Change	NSW % Change
2012-13 Final and 2013-14 Estimated	4.22	3.64
2013-14 Final and 2014-15 Estimated no CPI	-0.001	-0.145
2014-15 Final and 2015-16 Estimated no CPI	-0.004	-0.114
2015-16 Final and 2016-17 Estimated no CPI	.005	.069
2016-17 Final and 2017-18 Estimated	3.41	3.51
2017-18 Final and 2018-19 Estimated	3.80	3.66
2018-19 Final and 2019-20 Estimated	4.49	3.97
2019-20 Final and 2020-21 Estimated GED	1.13	0.98
2020-21 Final and 2021-22 Estimated Covid	2.15	1.87
2021-22 Final and 2022-23 Estimated Covid	2.69	3.15

Following the impacts of the global economic downturn (GED), and Covid-19 Pandemic, during the last three years the Commission been faced with the challenge of a substantially reduced CPI estimate. In 2022-23, the CPI has begun to trend towards the average levels of previous years (about 3.5%-4%) but further fluctuations cannot be ruled out.

Council's 2022-23 FAGs estimated entitlement, compared to the 2021-22 final entitlement is as follows:

Penrith City Council				
Year	General Purpose \$	Local Roads \$	Total \$	Change
2021-22 final	8,821,592	2,833,301	11,654,893	
2022-23 est.	8,821,601	2,912,460	11,734,061	0.7%

To assist councils with budgets and bank reconciliations, a breakdown of the 2022-23 quarterly instalments is attached (**Appendix A**). The NSW Statement of Payments is also attached (**Appendix B**).

The Commonwealth Government decided to make an early payment of the 2022-23 estimated FAG entitlement to help manage the cumulative impacts of the floods and the Covid-19 Pandemic. The advance, which was paid to all councils in mid-April 2022, was for approximately 75% of the estimated entitlement. Generally, the advance payments have been based on approximately 50%. This has resulted in the quarterly instalments that follow being significantly less than in recent years. The remainder of the grant entitlements will be paid in quarterly instalments in August 2022, November 2022, February 2023 and May 2023.

As councils will be aware, the Commission is required to adhere to the National Principles which mandate a per capita payment based on population growth/decline. It is also the policy of the NSW Government to explore opportunities to direct grants to communities with the greatest relative need. The Commission has had regard to these policies in allocating the grants. The map contained in **Appendix D** identifies the rate of population change in NSW from 2006 to 2020. The legislated minimum grant requirement impedes the ability of the Commission to direct funds to the communities with the greatest relative need.

Appendix D lists the revised expenditure categories, disability factors, data sources used in calculating the expenditure allowance and the relative disability allowance.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2023-24 GRANTS

Councils should be mindful that, given the current economic environment, the CPI may not increase going forward. Should that occur, the Commission will likely need to restore the negative floor to ensure the integrity and legislative compliance of the FAGs allocation system is maintained. Such a decision will result in some councils receiving less in the 2023-24 GPC than they will in 2022-23.

THE TRANSITION

The Commission has been investigating ways to direct funds to councils with greatest relative need. Information about the methodology review and subsequent transition has been provided to councils, including about the recommendations for model refinements. The Commission is currently considering options to a pathway out of transition and resuming the negative floor. Based on the grant calculations for 2022-23, nine councils are currently protected from reducing grants by the Commission's transition policy of a 0% floor. Further information about the transition and general information about the FAGs can be found on the Commission's webpage at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/commissions-and-tribunals/#lggc>.

SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO 2023-24 GRANTS

Special submissions from councils for 2023-24 will be considered by the Commission. The purpose of a submission is to give councils the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disabilities beyond councils' control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. Please refer to the expenditure functions and Council's disability factors listed in **Appendix A**. This process allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

Appendix C, titled *Guidelines for Special Submissions*, contains guidelines for preparing submissions – please read the guidelines carefully.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the Commission at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au by **30 November 2022**.

I would ask that this letter please be tabled at the next Council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact me on (02) 4428 4131.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Officer

APPENDIX A
LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION 2022-23 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Penrith (C) Council

General Purpose Component

Expenditure Allowance

Expenditure Functions	State ave cost per capita
Recreation and cultural	\$229.47
Admin and governance	\$272.47
Education and community	\$66.18
Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes	\$210.73
Public order, safety, health and other	\$172.31
Housing amenity	\$75.59

Recreation and cultural			
Pop <SS = relative disadvantage Pop >SS = 0 ATSI <SS = 0 ATSI >SS = relative disadvantage			
Disability Measure	LGA measure	State Std (SS)	Weighted DF%
Population	219,173	63,967	0.0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander	4.0%	2.9%	4.0%

Admin and governance			
Disability Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	219,173	63,967	0.0%

Education and community			
Disability Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	219,173	63,967	0.0%

Roads, bridges, footpaths and aerodromes			
Disability Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	219,173	63,967	0.0%
Road Length	1,149	1,155	0.0%

Public order, safety, health and other			
RTD <SS = 0 RTD >SS = relative disadvantage Env <SS = 0 Env >SS = relative disadvantage			
Disability Measure	LGA measure	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	219,173	63,967	0.0%
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	147%	161%	0.0%
Environment (Ha of environmental lands)	3,198	55,494	0.0%

Housing amenity			
Disability Measure	LGA Std	State Std	Weighted DF%
Population	219,173	63,967	0.0%

Isolation Allowance

Outside the Greater Statistical Area	N/A
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Pensioner Rebate Allowance

PR <SS = relative disadvantage (+ allowance)	
PR >SS = relative advantage (- allowance)	
LGA % Pensioner Rebates (PR) Res Props:	13.4%
State Standard (SS) % PR	14.8%

Revenue Allowance

Revenue Allowance	
CV <SS = relative disadvantage (+ allowance)	
CV >SS = relative advantage (- allowance)	
No. of Urban Properties:	77,415
Standard Value Per Property:	\$483,497
Council Value (CV):	\$431,301

No. of Non-urban Properties:	325
Standard Value Per Property:	\$887,956
Council Value (CV):	\$5,892,626

Relative Disadvantage Allowance

Unsealed roads; Isolation; Population Decline	\$9
Special Submission	-

Total General Purpose Grant	\$8,821,601
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Local Roads Component

Population:	219,173
Local Road Length (km):	1,149
Length of Bridges on Local Roads (m):	1,259

Road/Population Allowance:	\$2,738,975
Bridge Length Allowance:	\$173,485
Local Roads Total:	\$2,912,460

Total Grant	\$11,734,061
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Quarterly Instalments Payable in 2022-23 for 2022-23 FAGs

	August 2022	
GPC	\$555,498.00	
LRC	\$181,825.00	\$737,323.00
	November 2022	
GPC	\$555,498.00	
LRC	\$181,825.00	\$737,323.00
	February 2023	
GPC	\$555,498.00	
LRC	\$181,825.00	\$737,323.00
	May 2023	
GPC	\$555,498.00	
LRC	\$181,825.00	\$737,323.00
	TOTAL	
GPC	\$2,221,992.00	
LRC	\$727,300.00	\$2,949,292.00

Schedule of Payments Rounded													
Councils	Population 30/6/2021	2022-23 Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	2022-23 Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	2022-23 Recommended Total Entitlement	2021-22 General Purpose CPI/Pop Adjustment	2021-22 Local Roads CPI/Pop Adjustment	2021-22 Total CPI/Pop Adjustment	2022-23 General Purpose Advance Payment	2022-23 Local Roads Advance Payment	2022-23 Total Advance Payment	2022-23 General Purpose Payments	2022-23 Local Roads Payments	2022-23 Total Payments
Albury (C)	55,754	5,358,891	1,660,340	7,019,231	115,365	50,404	165,769	4,101,217	1,230,424	5,331,641	1,373,039	480,320	1,853,359
Armidale Regional	29,484	4,858,933	2,633,562	7,492,495	101,161	80,613	181,774	3,588,664	1,870,678	5,459,342	1,371,430	843,497	2,214,927
Ballina (S)	45,773	3,522,719	1,655,146	5,177,865	74,004	50,060	124,064	2,646,008	1,227,740	3,873,748	950,715	477,466	1,428,181
Balranald (S)	2,276	3,514,902	1,506,604	5,021,506	72,326	45,952	118,278	2,610,685	1,126,828	3,737,513	976,543	425,728	1,402,271
Bathurst Regional	44,540	4,751,172	2,328,891	7,080,063	101,920	69,438	171,358	3,627,959	1,699,605	5,327,564	1,225,133	698,724	1,923,857
Bayside	182,369	4,128,680	1,331,323	5,460,003	87,290	40,604	127,894	2,990,478	955,857	3,946,335	1,225,492	416,070	1,641,562
Bega Valley (S)	35,046	5,784,520	2,310,079	8,094,599	122,030	69,905	191,935	4,352,774	1,789,139	6,141,913	1,553,776	590,845	2,144,621
Bellingen (S)	13,248	3,393,899	1,075,194	4,469,093	70,112	31,896	102,008	2,530,792	788,816	3,319,608	933,219	318,274	1,251,493
Berrigan (S)	8,810	3,945,255	1,596,762	5,542,017	81,997	48,682	130,679	2,927,458	1,186,448	4,113,906	1,099,794	458,996	1,558,790
Blacktown (C)	387,104	13,909,934	4,035,661	17,945,595	304,641	121,976	426,617	10,520,603	2,956,995	13,477,598	3,693,972	1,200,642	4,894,614
Bland (S)	5,923	5,471,983	3,433,833	8,905,816	114,836	104,726	219,562	4,103,709	2,642,903	6,746,612	1,483,110	895,656	2,378,766
Blayney (S)	7,408	2,185,396	975,547	3,160,943	45,226	29,911	75,137	1,642,758	721,211	2,363,969	587,864	284,247	872,111
Blue Mountains (C)	78,740	7,988,602	1,511,077	9,499,679	172,064	46,452	218,516	6,117,895	1,140,403	7,257,938	2,042,771	417,486	2,460,257
Bogan (S)	2,481	3,434,853	1,645,953	5,080,806	70,394	50,262	120,656	2,529,927	1,237,335	3,767,262	975,320	458,880	1,434,200
Bourke (S)	2,596	5,187,387	2,191,468	7,378,855	106,321	66,243	172,564	3,870,871	1,625,042	5,495,913	1,422,837	632,669	2,055,506
Brewarrina (S)	1,520	3,888,147	1,487,540	5,375,687	77,864	45,541	123,405	2,883,973	1,126,046	4,010,019	1,082,038	407,035	1,489,073
Broken Hill (C)	17,230	5,283,229	544,844	5,828,073	108,070	16,715	124,785	3,861,944	420,106	4,282,050	1,529,355	141,453	1,670,808
Burwood	40,686	975,938	308,128	1,284,066	20,356	9,268	29,624	714,829	218,678	933,507	281,465	98,718	380,183
Byron (S)	36,217	2,348,557	1,383,374	3,731,931	48,726	42,048	90,774	1,756,062	1,032,949	2,789,011	641,221	392,473	1,033,694
Cabonne	13,759	3,408,548	2,336,603	5,745,151	70,622	71,264	141,886	2,533,139	1,751,422	4,284,561	946,031	656,445	1,602,476
Camden	114,516	2,592,546	1,891,929	4,484,475	55,206	55,224	110,430	1,940,952	1,388,900	3,329,852	706,800	558,253	1,265,053
Campbelltown (C)	175,687	8,527,900	2,076,416	10,604,316	186,769	63,437	250,206	6,566,705	1,588,667	8,155,372	2,147,964	551,186	2,699,150
Canada Bay (C)	95,919	2,171,525	715,321	2,886,846	46,442	22,000	68,442	1,607,613	528,004	2,135,617	610,354	209,317	819,671
Canterbury-Bankstown	378,425	8,567,221	2,978,707	11,545,928	186,721	91,534	278,255	6,564,772	2,233,093	8,797,865	2,189,170	837,148	3,026,318
Carrathool (S)	2,789	4,534,865	2,652,695	7,187,560	93,706	80,817	174,523	3,394,927	1,984,408	5,379,335	1,233,644	749,104	1,982,748
Central Coast	347,158	22,887,541	4,983,641	27,871,182	492,974	152,063	645,037	17,527,840	3,748,750	21,276,590	5,852,675	1,386,954	7,239,629
Central Darling (S)	1,834	5,122,476	1,815,759	6,938,235	105,001	55,362	160,363	3,829,550	1,361,760	5,191,310	1,397,927	509,361	1,907,228
Cessnock (C)	63,020	5,944,080	2,021,831	7,965,911	127,909	61,403	189,312	4,546,449	1,568,281	6,114,730	1,525,540	514,953	2,040,493
Clarence Valley	52,993	8,272,250	3,709,950	11,982,200	177,771	113,378	291,149	6,315,536	2,822,444	9,137,980	2,134,485	1,000,884	3,135,369
Cobar (S)	4,365	4,901,439	1,959,469	6,860,908	102,152	59,785	161,937	3,660,971	1,468,674	5,129,645	1,342,620	550,580	1,893,200
Coffs Harbour (C)	78,093	5,677,493	2,538,530	8,216,023	122,224	77,328	199,552	4,345,117	1,878,009	6,223,126	1,454,600	737,849	2,192,449
Coolamon (S)	4,304	2,884,403	1,464,371	4,348,774	59,855	44,720	104,575	2,115,532	1,044,033	3,159,565	828,726	465,058	1,293,784
Coonamble (S)	3,854	3,294,358	1,678,640	4,972,998	67,295	51,258	118,553	2,366,942	1,258,815	3,625,757	994,711	471,083	1,465,794
Cootamundra-Gundagai Region	11,169	4,249,688	1,775,227	6,024,915	88,554	54,304	142,858	3,154,364	1,333,983	4,488,347	1,183,878	495,548	1,679,426
Cowra (S)	12,785	3,777,784	1,651,062	5,428,846	78,162	50,417	128,579	2,784,111	1,227,908	4,012,019	1,071,835	473,571	1,545,406
Cumberland	239,834	6,635,192	1,941,965	8,577,157	145,317	59,892	205,209	4,584,295	1,522,404	6,106,699	2,196,214	479,453	2,675,667
Dubbo Regional	54,195	8,689,561	3,861,721	12,551,282	186,805	117,895	304,700	6,647,886	2,798,830	9,446,716	2,228,480	1,180,786	3,409,266
Dungog (S)	9,784	2,051,730	1,050,190	3,101,920	42,473	32,092	74,565	1,554,564	794,826	2,349,390	539,639	287,456	827,095
Edward River	9,158	4,634,269	1,736,776	6,371,045	97,036	52,961	149,997	3,431,418	1,290,677	4,722,095	1,299,887	499,060	1,798,947
Eurobodalla (S)	39,362	5,923,938	1,891,401	7,815,339	125,801	57,515	183,316	4,503,033	1,405,870	5,908,903	1,546,706	543,046	2,089,752
Fairfield (C)	207,922	7,691,060	1,896,691	9,587,751	168,442	58,489	226,931	5,922,246	1,423,036	7,345,282	1,937,256	532,144	2,469,400
Federation	12,735	5,221,998	2,540,728	7,762,726	110,737	77,342	188,079	3,985,444	1,904,913	5,890,357	1,347,291	713,157	2,060,448
Forbes (S)	9,934	4,108,010	2,210,930	6,318,940	84,884	67,497	152,381	3,007,533	1,655,326	4,662,859	1,185,361	623,101	1,808,462
Georges River	159,266	3,605,647	1,246,269	4,851,916	77,093	38,309	115,402	2,649,678	963,872	3,613,550	1,033,062	320,706	1,353,768
Gilgandra (S)	4,205	3,113,265	1,525,985	4,639,250	64,155	46,599	110,754	2,267,203	1,094,051	3,361,254	910,217	478,533	1,388,750
Glen Innes Severn	8,816	3,352,357	1,551,493	4,903,850	69,069	48,049	117,118	2,471,562	1,186,405	3,657,967	949,864	413,137	1,363,001
Goulburn Mulwaree	31,796	3,872,575	2,049,651	5,922,226	80,697	62,427	143,124	2,889,678	1,559,140	4,448,818	1,063,594	552,938	1,616,532
Greater Hume (S)	11,020	3,830,221	2,382,085	6,212,306	79,206	72,534	151,740	2,811,041	1,768,329	4,579,370	1,098,386	686,290	1,784,676
Griffith (C)	27,173	4,607,210	1,838,276	6,445,486	95,202	57,122	152,324	3,398,309	1,397,773	4,796,082	1,304,103	497,625	1,801,728
Gunnedah (S)	12,713	3,516,035	1,825,114	5,341,149	72,698	55,735	128,433	2,607,814	1,374,761	3,982,575	980,919	506,088	1,487,007
Gwydir (S)	5,323	3,400,364	2,122,295	5,522,659	69,057	64,587	133,644	2,420,662	1,561,010	3,981,672	1,048,759	625,872	1,674,631
Hawkesbury (C)	68,009	2,806,925	1,916,182	4,723,107	61,456	58,912	120,368	2,160,155	1,431,545	3,591,700	708,226	543,549	1,251,775

Councils	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23
	Population 30/6/2021	Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	Recommended Total Entitlement	General Purpose CPI/Pop Adjustment	Local Roads CPI/Pop Adjustment	Total CPI/Pop Adjustment	General Purpose Advance Payment	Local Roads Advance Payment	Total Advance Payment	General Purpose Payments	Local Roads Payments	Total Payments
Hay (S)	2,945	2,856,602	920,471	3,777,073	58,025	28,077	86,102	2,058,957	689,004	2,747,961	855,670	259,544	1,115,214
Hills (S)	188,557	4,268,787	2,329,108	6,597,895	88,406	70,069	158,475	3,197,195	1,816,680	5,013,875	1,159,998	582,497	1,742,495
Hilltops	18,553	5,994,711	3,192,270	9,186,981	125,806	97,603	223,409	4,443,696	2,392,890	6,836,586	1,676,821	896,983	2,573,804
Hornsby (S)	150,698	3,411,714	1,583,870	4,995,584	73,316	48,911	122,227	2,665,004	1,240,764	3,905,768	820,026	392,017	1,212,043
Hunters Hill (M)	14,861	378,875	141,019	519,894	7,903	4,337	12,240	290,283	117,020	407,303	96,495	28,336	124,831
Inner West	199,759	4,522,374	1,512,332	6,034,706	97,107	46,601	143,708	3,524,925	1,123,775	4,648,700	1,094,556	435,158	1,529,714
Inverell (S)	17,696	4,635,287	2,517,667	7,152,954	95,871	76,954	172,825	3,419,815	2,017,832	5,437,647	1,311,343	576,789	1,888,132
Junee (S)	6,738	2,313,526	1,060,836	3,374,362	47,893	32,352	80,245	1,729,359	781,359	2,510,718	632,060	311,829	943,889
Kempsey (S)	30,092	4,888,709	2,129,003	7,017,712	101,680	64,922	166,602	3,644,492	1,726,246	5,370,738	1,345,897	467,679	1,813,576
Kiama (M)	24,006	1,405,092	567,354	1,972,446	29,195	17,445	46,640	1,071,593	388,205	1,459,798	362,694	196,594	559,288
Ku-ring-gai	126,554	2,865,075	1,264,749	4,129,824	61,379	38,781	100,160	2,185,624	959,753	3,145,377	740,830	343,777	1,084,607
Kyogle	8,841	3,394,938	1,804,218	5,199,156	69,616	55,531	125,147	2,484,471	1,396,425	3,880,896	980,083	463,324	1,443,407
Lachlan (S)	6,025	6,843,918	3,852,904	10,696,822	143,465	117,542	261,007	5,133,441	2,891,834	8,025,275	1,853,942	1,078,612	2,932,554
Lake Macquarie (C)	210,031	14,458,267	3,144,299	17,602,566	311,400	95,886	407,286	11,072,018	2,330,325	13,402,343	3,697,649	909,860	4,607,509
Lane Cove (M)	40,336	964,956	320,942	1,285,898	20,127	9,861	29,988	723,946	236,609	960,555	261,137	94,194	355,331
Leeton (S)	11,242	3,986,350	1,186,868	5,173,218	81,968	36,298	118,266	2,922,748	896,648	3,819,396	1,145,570	326,518	1,472,088
Lismore (C)	43,790	4,784,314	2,214,467	6,998,781	101,684	67,712	169,396	3,629,273	1,677,150	5,306,423	1,256,725	605,029	1,861,754
Lithgow (C)	21,556	4,052,687	1,441,695	5,494,382	84,239	43,938	128,177	3,020,627	1,078,118	4,098,745	1,116,299	407,515	1,523,814
Liverpool (C)	234,917	6,754,917	2,662,931	9,417,848	147,939	80,559	228,498	5,201,336	1,960,138	7,161,474	1,701,520	783,352	2,484,872
Liverpool Plains (S)	7,848	2,894,192	1,563,847	4,458,039	59,616	47,763	107,379	2,129,872	1,170,230	3,300,102	823,936	441,380	1,265,316
Lockhart (S)	3,221	2,665,211	1,530,498	4,195,709	55,325	46,765	102,090	1,923,429	1,144,665	3,068,094	797,107	432,598	1,229,705
Lord Howe Island (Bd)	445	302,491	-	302,491	5,503	-	5,503	204,986	-	204,986	103,008	-	103,008
Maitland (C)	90,449	6,039,717	1,624,663	7,664,380	130,069	48,982	179,051	4,624,574	1,191,173	5,815,747	1,545,212	482,472	2,027,684
Mid-Coast	95,209	13,599,695	6,156,132	19,755,827	291,026	187,085	478,111	10,337,624	4,589,696	14,927,320	3,553,097	1,753,521	5,306,618
Mid-Western Regional	25,563	4,790,305	2,797,848	7,588,153	99,202	84,534	183,736	3,545,619	2,069,550	5,615,169	1,343,888	812,832	2,156,720
Moree Plains (S)	12,988	5,759,621	3,278,663	9,038,284	120,674	100,421	221,095	4,169,477	2,455,967	6,625,444	1,710,818	923,117	2,633,935
Mosman (M)	30,122	782,251	260,742	1,042,993	16,316	8,075	24,391	599,340	200,175	799,515	199,227	68,642	267,869
Murray River	12,571	6,164,153	3,324,734	9,488,887	129,470	98,782	228,252	4,567,316	2,567,941	7,135,257	1,726,307	855,575	2,581,882
Murrumbidgee	3,871	3,476,012	1,861,349	5,337,361	71,896	56,802	128,698	2,534,232	1,424,538	3,958,770	1,013,676	493,613	1,507,289
Muswellbrook (S)	16,212	3,084,285	1,034,057	4,118,342	63,995	31,743	95,738	2,325,127	789,890	3,115,017	823,153	275,910	1,099,063
Nambucca Valley	19,911	3,284,951	1,384,993	4,669,944	68,205	42,373	110,578	2,484,244	1,036,009	3,520,253	868,912	391,357	1,260,269
Narrabri (S)	12,948	5,607,391	2,670,794	8,278,185	117,812	81,499	199,311	4,139,823	2,008,196	6,148,019	1,585,380	744,097	2,329,477
Narrandera (S)	5,834	3,785,601	1,801,979	5,587,580	79,047	55,008	134,055	2,776,287	1,348,260	4,124,547	1,088,361	508,727	1,597,088
Narromine (S)	6,392	3,451,237	1,643,374	5,094,611	71,731	50,172	121,903	2,525,717	1,234,267	3,759,984	997,251	459,279	1,456,530
Newcastle (C)	168,880	11,108,788	2,006,723	13,115,511	243,277	61,881	305,158	8,789,944	1,624,079	10,414,023	2,562,121	444,525	3,006,646
North Sydney	73,712	1,668,777	534,924	2,203,701	36,121	16,561	52,682	1,303,825	409,232	1,713,057	401,073	142,253	543,326
Northern Beaches	272,184	6,162,026	2,462,834	8,624,860	131,818	75,756	207,574	4,698,755	1,832,234	6,530,989	1,595,089	706,356	2,301,445
Oberon	5,425	2,164,733	1,092,967	3,257,700	44,582	33,397	77,979	1,604,014	861,797	2,465,811	605,301	264,567	869,868
Orange (C)	42,809	3,921,802	1,347,047	5,268,849	81,977	41,130	123,107	2,953,501	1,023,432	3,976,933	1,050,278	364,745	1,415,023
Parkes (S)	14,623	4,895,044	2,420,684	7,315,728	101,817	73,794	175,611	3,628,743	1,773,908	5,402,651	1,368,118	720,570	2,088,688
Parramatta (C)	258,799	7,594,284	2,222,842	9,817,126	166,322	68,420	234,742	5,847,674	1,638,357	7,486,031	1,912,932	652,905	2,565,837
Penrith (C)	219,173	8,821,601	2,912,460	11,734,061	193,202	88,805	282,007	6,792,809	2,273,967	9,066,776	2,221,994	727,298	2,949,292
Port Macquarie-Hastings	87,560	6,818,937	3,399,326	10,218,263	146,806	103,392	250,198	5,218,637	2,511,574	7,730,211	1,747,106	991,144	2,738,250
Port Stephens	75,685	5,830,883	1,408,421	7,239,304	125,496	42,945	168,441	4,461,301	1,046,108	5,507,409	1,495,078	405,258	1,900,336
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regiona	63,491	3,940,151	2,858,012	6,798,163	84,677	86,692	171,369	3,007,960	2,129,474	5,137,434	1,016,868	815,230	1,832,098
Randwick (C)	153,498	3,475,065	1,085,294	4,560,359	75,336	33,590	108,926	2,634,416	814,640	3,449,056	915,985	304,244	1,220,229
Richmond Valley	23,572	4,055,664	1,786,900	5,842,564	84,319	55,090	139,409	3,023,922	1,350,359	4,374,281	1,116,061	491,631	1,607,692
Ryde (C)	132,822	3,006,977	1,073,442	4,080,419	64,083	32,857	96,940	2,198,430	789,376	2,987,806	872,630	316,923	1,189,553
Shellharbour (C)	76,364	4,600,254	1,091,555	5,691,809	99,074	32,129	131,203	3,522,585	765,209	4,287,794	1,176,743	358,475	1,535,218
Shoalhaven (C)	108,892	9,569,985	4,023,811	13,593,796	206,098	120,064	326,162	7,327,382	2,918,290	10,245,672	2,448,701	1,225,585	3,674,286
Silverton (VC)	35	38,137	-	38,137	808	-	808	27,500	-	27,500	11,445	-	11,445
Singleton	23,573	2,877,278	1,507,564	4,384,842	59,826	46,105	105,931	2,182,319	1,119,871	3,302,190	754,785	433,798	1,188,583
Snowy Monaro Regional	21,207	7,577,242	3,121,085	10,698,327	160,490	95,136	255,626	5,698,815	2,311,114	8,009,929	2,038,917	905,107	2,944,024
Snowy Valleys	14,349	4,992,820	1,572,001	6,564,821	104,123	48,131	152,254	3,739,856	1,191,073	4,930,929	1,357,087	429,059	1,786,146

Councils	Population 30/6/2021	2022-23 Recommended General Purpose Entitlement	2022-23 Recommended Local Roads Entitlement	2022-23 Recommended Total Entitlement	2021-22 General Purpose CPI/Pop Adjustment	2021-22 Local Roads CPI/Pop Adjustment	2021-22 Total CPI/Pop Adjustment	2022-23 General Purpose Advance Payment	2022-23 Local Roads Advance Payment	2022-23 Total Advance Payment	2022-23 General Purpose Payments	2022-23 Local Roads Payments	2022-23 Total Payments
Strathfield (M)	47,705	1,125,943	340,903	1,466,846	23,485	10,452	33,937	815,197	249,084	1,064,281	334,231	102,271	436,502
Sutherland (S)	234,275	5,303,787	2,278,378	7,582,165	111,773	69,616	181,389	4,036,496	1,704,977	5,741,473	1,379,064	643,017	2,022,081
Sydney (C)	242,237	5,484,040	1,544,767	7,028,807	119,645	48,096	167,741	3,904,514	1,107,563	5,012,077	1,699,171	485,300	2,184,471
Tamworth Regional	62,782	6,823,856	4,837,000	11,660,856	145,231	147,808	293,039	5,159,154	3,621,907	8,781,061	1,809,933	1,362,901	3,172,834
Temora (S)	6,249	2,780,643	1,501,280	4,281,923	57,102	45,817	102,919	2,026,597	1,041,388	3,067,985	811,148	505,709	1,316,857
Tenterfield (S)	6,502	3,812,710	1,882,850	5,695,560	78,410	57,546	135,956	2,774,262	1,418,578	4,192,840	1,116,858	521,818	1,638,676
Tibooburra (VC)	95	85,641		85,641	1,815	-	1,815	64,485	-	64,485	22,971	-	22,971
Tweed (S)	99,480	8,368,711	3,323,068	11,691,779	180,067	101,503	281,570	6,400,817	2,503,176	8,903,993	2,147,961	921,395	3,069,356
Upper Hunter (S)	14,152	3,669,729	2,217,023	5,886,752	75,763	67,775	143,538	2,718,320	1,664,757	4,383,077	1,027,172	620,041	1,647,213
Upper Lachlan (S)	8,419	3,370,799	2,166,268	5,537,067	69,518	66,420	135,938	2,466,593	1,629,346	4,095,939	973,724	603,342	1,577,066
Uralla (S)	5,883	1,981,746	1,056,863	3,038,609	40,861	32,332	73,193	1,482,544	805,598	2,288,142	540,063	283,597	823,660
Wagga Wagga (C)	66,408	7,567,865	3,719,885	11,287,750	162,876	112,907	275,783	5,788,330	2,748,507	8,536,837	1,942,411	1,084,285	3,026,696
Walcha	3,103	1,860,928	1,074,238	2,935,166	37,370	32,827	70,197	1,343,462	805,613	2,149,075	554,836	301,452	856,288
Walgett (S)	5,785	5,382,349	2,226,344	7,608,693	112,080	67,986	180,066	3,950,826	1,672,294	5,623,120	1,543,603	622,036	2,165,639
Warren (S)	2,708	2,309,928	1,183,806	3,493,734	47,034	36,144	83,178	1,643,296	889,077	2,532,373	713,666	330,873	1,044,539
Warrumbungle (S)	9,118	5,418,430	2,790,481	8,208,911	113,541	85,221	198,762	3,994,386	2,084,069	6,078,455	1,537,585	791,633	2,329,218
Waverley	72,743	1,646,840	483,275	2,130,115	35,728	14,994	50,722	1,289,768	371,856	1,661,624	392,800	126,413	519,213
Weddin (S)	3,577	2,179,888	1,152,491	3,332,379	44,253	35,177	79,430	1,571,172	861,246	2,432,418	652,969	326,422	979,391
Wentworth (S)	7,142	4,755,742	1,988,875	6,744,617	100,977	70,658	171,635	3,567,839	1,734,029	5,301,868	1,288,880	325,504	1,614,384
Willoughby (C)	79,556	1,801,080	655,849	2,456,929	39,056	20,260	59,316	1,359,919	488,672	1,848,591	480,217	187,437	667,654
Wingecarribee (S)	52,309	3,480,875	2,201,314	5,682,189	74,672	66,994	141,666	2,652,024	1,644,472	4,296,496	903,523	623,836	1,527,359
Wollondilly (S)	54,772	2,574,197	1,548,966	4,123,163	55,439	47,106	102,545	1,970,950	1,135,054	3,106,004	658,686	461,018	1,119,704
Wollongong (C)	220,659	17,353,791	2,779,577	20,133,368	373,776	84,125	457,901	13,289,918	2,050,670	15,340,588	4,437,649	813,032	5,250,681
Woollahra (M)	58,480	1,323,938	478,776	1,802,714	28,587	14,799	43,386	1,033,504	363,770	1,397,274	319,021	129,805	448,826
Yass Valley	17,608	2,061,050	1,590,156	3,651,206	42,631	48,130	90,761	1,559,670	1,196,584	2,756,254	544,011	441,702	985,713
TOTAL	8,188,301	617,920,637	251,184,230	869,104,867	13,095,042	7,666,898	20,761,940	464,778,548	188,444,475	653,223,023	166,237,131	70,406,653	236,643,784

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1. GENERAL

All submissions **must** be consistent with the principles which have been adopted by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission (Commission). The principles are attached in **Table 1**.

Information in the submissions must relate to the year ended 30 June 2022, in order to be compatible with the Commission's **Roads, Bridges and General Information Return** for that year (for the 2023-24 grant calculations).

Only operational costs should be included; **capital costs are to be excluded**.

Submissions should be based only on *inherent* disabilities and problems, which are outside a council's control. **Additional costs that result from deliberate policy decisions made by councils to provide a higher than average standard of service are not considered disabilities.**

Information provided on disabilities should be brief and the costing estimates of the disabilities should be as accurate as is practicable.

If you have further questions, then please contact Helen Pearce on (02) 4428 4131 or by email, helen.pearce@olg.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions should be emailed to the Commission at **olg@olg.nsw.gov.au** as soon as possible, by no later than **11 November 2022**.

2. EXPENDITURE DISABILITIES

(a) Content

The details of the Commission's expenditure calculations for Council's area are enclosed (see **Appendix A**). This information should be used in assessing whether to make a submission on expenditure disabilities; that is, in assessing whether the particular disabilities of Council's area are **already recognised** in the formula. If council believes that disabilities **other than those currently identified by the formula** have an impact on the cost of providing services, then this should be substantiated in the submission.

Similarly, if council believes that the impact of any disability already identified by the Commission is greater than indicated, then the case should be argued in the submission. Please refer to **Table 2** for the basic format for a special submission. Details of the expenditure items considered, the council functions and disability measures can be found in **Appendix D**.

(b) Required Format

Table 2 shows the **REQUIRED FORMAT** for submissions on expenditure disabilities. Submissions should be **brief** and include:

- (1) the function affected (using the Commission's functional heading);
- (2) a **brief** description of the disability;
- (3) a **brief** account of the action taken to deal with that disability; and,
- (4) the **estimated additional cost** impact of that action.

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Where a disability factor affects costs across a number multiple council functions, separate details should be used showing the cost impact in each function area.

(c) Outcome

Where the Commission recognises an additional disability raised in a submission beyond the measures recognised, an adjustment will be made as an "other" category.

Where an additional disability is recognised which has an impact on a number of councils, the methodology will be adjusted, and *all councils* will be affected according to the extent of the relevant disability.

3. REVENUE DISABILITIES

While the approved principles generally bind the Commission's operation in this area, councils may wish to comment on the current methodology if it is considered that these unfairly disadvantage them.

It should be noted that non-rateable properties are taken into consideration in the Commission's calculation automatically. The loss of revenue from non-rateable properties does not need to be specified in the submission.

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TABLE 1

APPROVED PRINCIPLES

1. General purpose grants to local governing bodies will be allocated as far as practicable on a full equalisation basis as defined in the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*; that is a basis which attempts to compensate local governing bodies for differences in expenditure required in the performance of their functions and in their capacity to raise revenue.
2. The assessment of revenue and expenditure allowances of local governing bodies will, as far as is practicable, be independent of the policy or practices of those bodies in raising revenue and the provision of services.
3. Revenue raising capacity will primarily be determined on the basis of property values; positive and negative allowances relative to average standards may be calculated.
4. Revenue allowances may be discounted to achieve equilibrium with expenditure allowances.
5. Generally, for each expenditure function an allowance will be determined using operational cost; both positive and negative allowances relative to average standards may be calculated.
6. Expenditure allowances will be discounted to take account of specific purpose grants.
7. Additional costs associated with non-resident use of services and facilities will be recognised in determining expenditure allowances.

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TABLE 2

REQUIRED FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS ON EXPENDITURE DISABILITIES

Function:

Disability:

Description and Response:

Cost Impact:

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Expenditure Functions with Expenditure Items Listed Below					
(Expenditure Items Source – Financial Data Return/Net Cost of Services – 5 year average gross operational costs)					
Recreation & cultural	Administration & governance	Community amenity	Community services & education	Roads, bridges & footpaths	Public order, safety, health & other
Museums	Administration	Public Cemeteries	Admin & Education	Aerodromes	Animal Containment
Art Galleries	Governance	Public Toilets	Children’s Services	Urban Roads Local	Fire Service Levy
Communities Centres & Halls		Town Planning	Aged and Disabled	Sealed Rural Roads Local	Noxious Plants & Insects
Performing Arts Venues		Street Lighting	Social Protection	Unsealed Rural Roads Local	Environment Protection
Other Sport & Recreation				Bridges on Urban Roads Local	Stormwater Management
Other Performing Arts				Bridges on Sealed Rural Roads Local	Urban Storm Drainage
Public Libraries				Bridges on Unsealed Rural Roads Local	Other
Swimming Pools				Footpaths	Health
Sporting Grounds				Parking Areas	Enforcement of Regulations
Parks and Gardens					Beach Control
					Building Control
					Street Cleaning

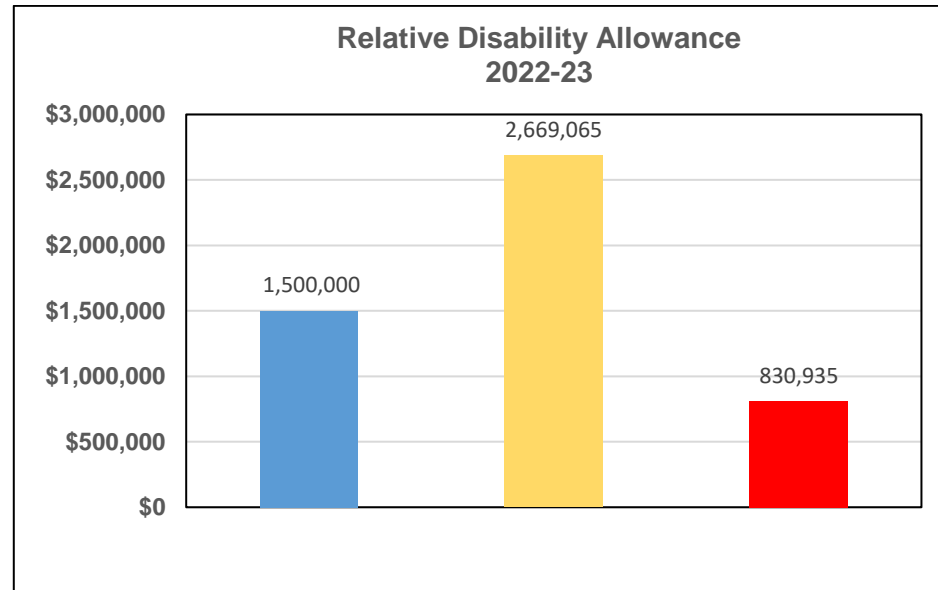
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Expenditure Disability Factors		
Disability Factor	Description	Data Source
Population Size	Number of people residing in local government area. The more people in a community, the cheaper it is to provide resources per person. This suggests compensation for councils with smaller populations	ABS Regional population 2020-21, Estimated Resident Population (released 29 March 2022).
ATSI	Proportion of residents identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.	ABS 2075.0 Census of Population and Housing - Counts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2016 (released 5 December 2018).
Local Road Length	Kilometres of road within a local government area being the responsibility of councils.	Data provided by OLG, based on data supplied by each local council for the 2020-21 financial year.
Environment	Hectares of environmental land (hectares of conservation and natural environment, water and inland water bodies).	ABS 1410.0 - LAND AND ENVIRONMENT, Local Government Area, 2015-2020 (released .8 April 2022).
Rainfall, topography and drainage index	An index that measures variation in the cost of construction and maintenance of stormwater drainage based on a number of considerations.	Data provided by OLG, Independent Consultants, 1987, Stormwater Drainage Return.

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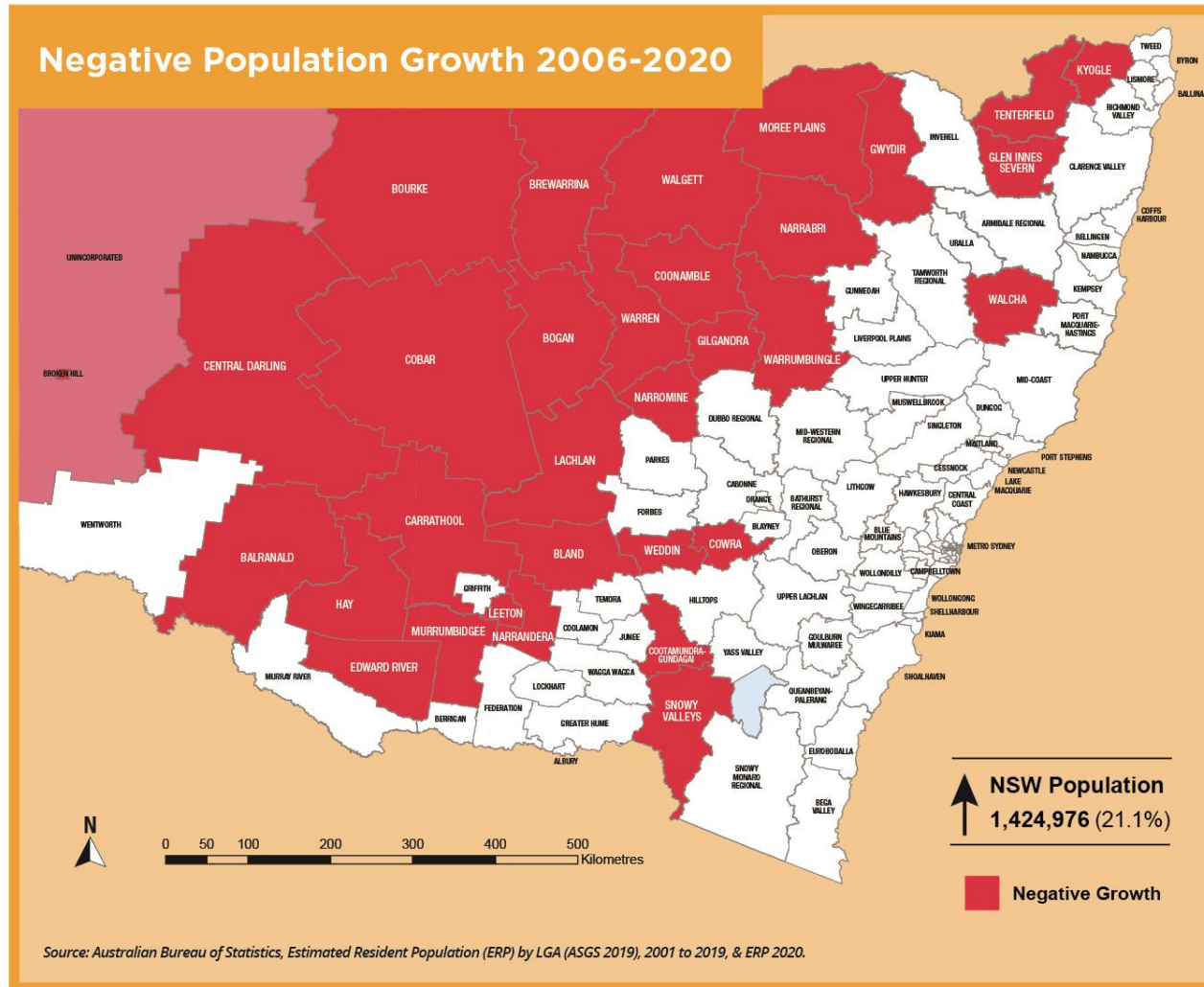
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Within the GPC, \$5.0 million of the \$20.0 million CPI increase was apportioned to councils with greatest relative disadvantage on the basis of unsealed local road lengths (reported by local councils), isolation (ABS population data, 5 years averaged isolation expenditure reported by local councils, distance from Sydney and the nearest major regional centre, Western Zone Allowance), and population decline (ABS Estimated Population 2006-2021) .

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Red indicates population decline in NSW from 2006-2020.

Financial Assistance Grants 2022-23

Fact Sheet 2022



Local Government Financial Assistance Grants are paid to local councils to help them deliver services to their communities. The funds are paid annually by the Australian Government. Councils are free to use these funds at their discretion and are accountable to their ratepayers. The allocation is paid in quarterly instalments.

2022 Update

In 2013 the Independent Local Government Review Panel recommended, "Subject to any legal constraints, seek to redistribute Federal Financial Assistance Grants and some State grants in order to channel additional support to councils and communities with the greatest needs." Following an extensive review of the financial assistance grant model 2013 to 2016, recommendations were made to refine and improve parts of the expenditure allowance under the General Purpose Component (GPC). In 2018 the Commission (Commission) implemented refinements consistent with the National Principles and the NSW Government policy to allocate grants, as far as possible, to councils with the greatest relative disadvantage. However, the model refinements remain in a transition stage.

Since entering transition in 2018-19, the Commission has implemented transition arrangements, which limit the variation percentage of individual councils' annual GPC levels, as follows:

- Upper limit (cap) of +5%
- Lower limit (collar) of 0%

Historically, the Commission set a range between +5% and -5%. The Commission is looking to restore caps and collars within a range of +6% to -4%. Retaining a 0% collar is resulting in more funds continuing to shift from councils with greater relative disadvantage to councils with more relative advantage. The Commission will keep the transitional arrangements for the 2022 recommendations. It is consulting with the sector about the recommendations for 2023 and beyond and the most appropriate approach to resume the original lower limit, which may include a staged option.



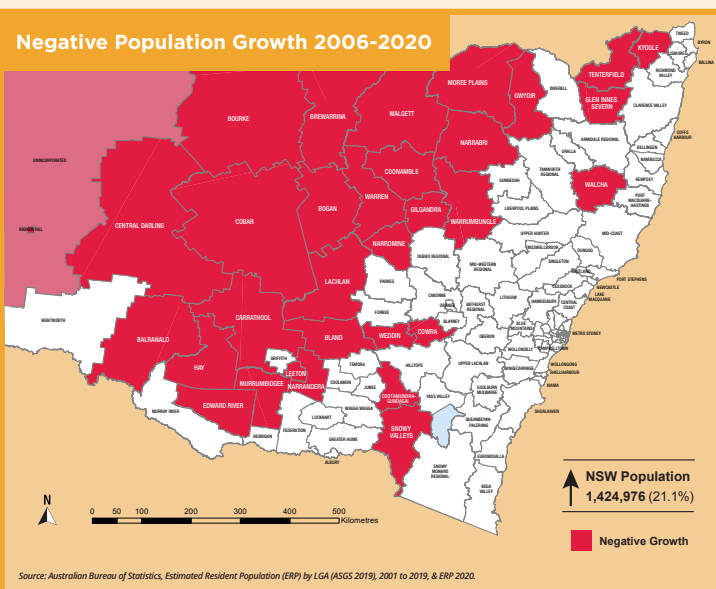
Nowra 7-8 October: NSW Grants Commission hosted the 2021 National Conference of Local Government Grants Commissions, "The Road Ahead".

Councils with greatest relative disadvantage:

Councils with greatest relative disadvantage are generally rural and remote councils with:

- Small and declining populations
- Limited capacity to raise revenue
- Financial responsibility for sizeable networks of local roads/infrastructure & diminishing financial resources
- Relative isolation

The ongoing challenge for the Commission has been how to allocate a fairer share of the GPC to such councils when a fixed 30% of the GPC grant must be allocated based on population increases/decreases.



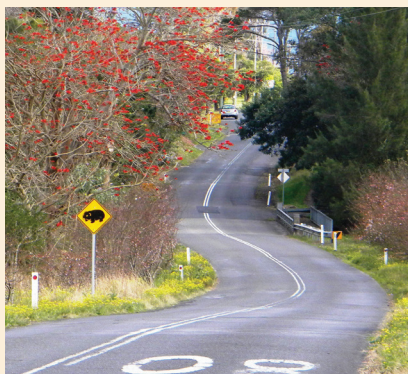
General information

Funds are allocated to NSW on the basis of the National Principles under the Federal legislation - *the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*. It comprises two pools of funds - the GPC and the Local Roads Component (LRC). For 2021-22 the estimated entitlement for the GPC is \$584,824,936, and the LRC is \$236,942,282, but the funds are untied. The GPC incorporates:

- Expenditure Allowance
- Revenue Allowance
- Isolation Allowance
- Pensioner Rebate Allowance
- Relative Disadvantage Allowance

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Why refine the model?

It's important to note that the Commission is not implementing a new model. Over time, the model had become very complex with an increasing number of functions and disability factors. The model had 20 expenditure functions and 47 disability factors applied across 128 councils plus more than 100 individual occurrences of discretionary disability factors. The Commission has taken advice, tested the competing propositions and decided to implement the recommended refinements and improvements.

The refined model:

- Allocates a higher proportion of grant funding to councils with greatest relative disadvantage
- Is consistent with the National Principles
- Is consistent with NSW policy of grant allocation
- Is transparent and publishable
- Is robust, statistically verifiable and auditable
- Uses best practice financial and modelling principles
- Is modern, simplified and more flexible

Per capita minimum grant

The legislation provides for a per capita minimum grant. The per capita minimum for 2021-22 is \$21.48. Councils on the minimum grant generally:

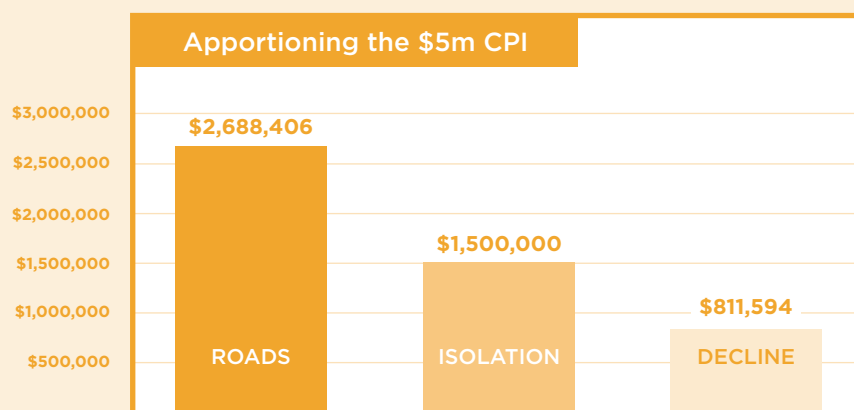
- Have greater revenue raising capacity
- Are not relatively disadvantaged
- Have economies of scale
- Are geographically smaller
- Experience year on year growth

There are 16 councils on the minimum grant, all located in the Sydney area. Just under 30% of the State's population live in those council areas.

Four minimum grant councils received a higher than state average increase of 1.7%, including the City of Sydney with an increase of 1.74%.

Relative Disadvantage Allowance

The Commission quarantined \$5m of the CPI increase and apportioned it as an allowance for relative disadvantage.



Roads = unsealed local roads. Isolation = increased weighting for isolation allowance. Decline = councils with population decline between 2006-20 (see negative population growth 2006-20 map page 1).

General Purpose Component (GPC)

The GPC expenditure allowance remains based on council expenditure reported against Financial Data Return grouped as follows:

- Administration & Governance
- Recreation & Culture
- Community Amenity
- Community Services & Education
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths & Aerodromes
- Public Order, Health, Safety & Other

The 20 council functions are being retained but consolidated to six. The state average per capita cost for each function is still calculated by aggregating expenses (reported by all councils in their Financial Data Returns) for each function and divided by NSW's population.

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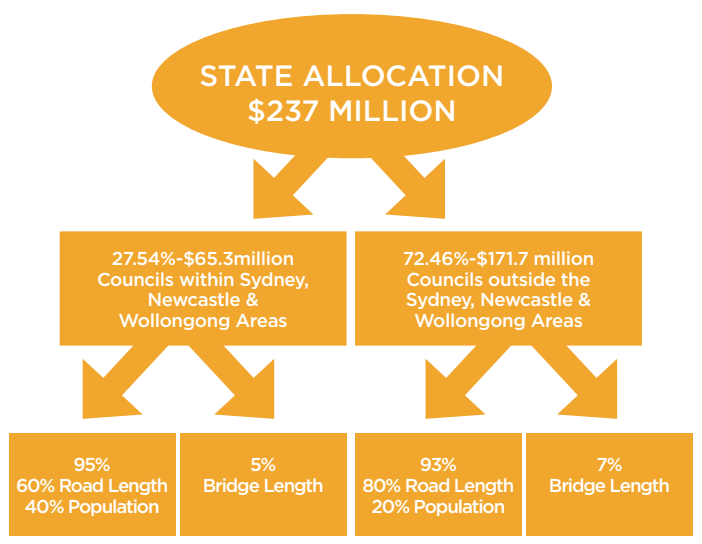
The **GPC expenditure allowance** includes five Cost Adjusters (or Disability Factors/Measures) to enable the Commission to compare councils' relative disadvantage/advantage:

- Population (ABS - Total for LGA)
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders (ABS - %)
- Local road length (council - km)
- Environment (ABS - ha environmental land)
- Rainfall, topography and drainage (Consultants Willing & Partners - index)

The expenditure allowance formula is also retained:

$\text{No. of Units (LGA Population)} \times \text{State Ave \$Cost/capita for the function} \times \text{council's disability factor} = \$ \text{expenditure allowance.}$

Distribution of Local Roads Component 2021-22 (29% of the national pool)



Submissions

Special submissions from councils will be considered by the Commission. The purpose of a submission is to give a council the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disabilities beyond its control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. This allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect councils' capacity to deliver services.

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Background and call for the review

The Independent Local Government Review Panel recommendation (Fact Sheet page 1) was supported by a number of other reviews and reports including:

2008 Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity, Productivity Commission Research Report:

"A number of councils, particularly in capital city and urban developed areas, have the means to recover additional revenue from their communities sufficient to cover their expenditures without relying on grants. However, a significant number of councils, particularly in rural (87%) and remote (95%) areas would remain dependent on grants from other spheres of government to meet their current expenditure. Given the differences in the scope to raise additional revenue across different classes of councils, there is a case to review the provision of Australian Government general purpose grants to local governments."

2010 Australia's Future Taxation System Report:

"The current requirement that each council receives 30% of its per capita share of untied financial assistance grants may prevent state grants commissions from redistributing to councils that require greater assistance."

2013 The NSW Local Government Grants Commission submission to the Commonwealth Grants Commission Review:

... "we have seen an increase in concerns being raised about:

- the widening gap in revenue raising capacity for larger metropolitan councils versus smaller rural councils;
- increasing infrastructure needs;
- declining population."

2014 The NSW Government's Response to the Local Government Review Panel:

"The Government supports targeting Financial Assistance Grants to communities with the greatest need. It will ask the NSW Grants Commission to continue to identify opportunities to achieve this over time, within the constraints imposed by the national funding principles. It will also ask the Commission to ensure transitional protection for those councils with lower levels of need, to minimise the impact of any redistribution."

2017 Shifting the Dial: 5 year Productivity Commission Review:

"The Commission's study into transitioning regional economies noted that where populations have declined in Local Government areas, related declines in revenue are hampering efforts to maintain infrastructure designed to service (and be funded) by larger populations."