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\$1.3 million infrastructure boost for Tamworth

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, has today visited the site of a \$1.3 million road infrastructure project which will allow further development of the Hills Plain urban release area north of Tamworth.

“A 1.2 kilometre stretch of Browns Lane will be widened and sealed by Tamworth Regional Council to provide access to 1,266 proposed dwellings in the Windmill Hill and Windmill Downs residential housing developments,” the Minister said.

“This work is vital if development of the Hills Plain urban release area is also to proceed.

“The project will increase the quality, capacity and safety of the road connecting the new land and housing developments.

More than \$179 million in interest free loans has been allocated to 37 projects across 33 high growth council areas that met the criteria for funding under the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Mr Kelly said the Local Infrastructure Fund aims to bring forward local infrastructure projects that have been delayed due to local funding shortfalls that are holding back urban development.

“The interest free loan will help councils to not only deliver important water, sewer, drainage and roads infrastructure, but also progress new urban development and stimulate local employment,” the Minister said.

“All projects funded are on the grounds works will provide an immediate boost to local communities.

“Applications were evaluated by an independent assessment panel and had to meet a set of strict criteria, including the project facilitating development of new housing, employment and is value for money, and the council has the capacity to deliver the project.

“Projects are expected to be completed within 18 months of the loan being issued and the loan repaid within 10 years,” the Minister said.
