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INFRASTRUCTURE BONANZA FOR BLACKTOWN

Planning Minister Rob Stokes today announced $19.8 million would be provided to build new parks and roads for new homes in Blacktown.

Mr Stokes said the Local Infrastructure Growth Scheme funding is vital to provide the infrastructure people need in new Sydney communities.

“This is one way councils and the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government can work together to fund things like roads and parks to create active and vibrant communities,” Mr Stokes said.

Blacktown Council has used some of their infrastructure funding towards a water detention basin, which helps slow down the flow of water into local creeks during heavy rain.

Funding is going into projects such as a new bridge over Second Ponds Creek on Rouse Rd, Rouse Hill, collector roads to get commuters on and off Junction Rd in Schofields and water detention basins to manage stormwater and minimise pollutants entering waterways.

Mr Stokes said to date the Local Infrastructure Growth Scheme had provided more than $65 million to councils across Sydney’s North West.

Member for Seven Hills Mark Taylor and Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly welcomed the funding.

“This is a sensible way in which the NSW government is helping overcome the land and housing supply shortfall left by the former Labor Government, " Mr Conolly said.

“This vital infrastructure funding is another example of this Government’s commitment to delivering for the people of the Seven Hills electorate,” said Mr Taylor.