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HAWKESBURY FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR PITT TOWN BYPASS AND BELLS LINE OF ROAD UPGRADE

The Minns Labor Government's Budget announcement of \$12 million in funding for the Pitt Town Bypass has left the project with an \$88 million shortfall.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said that the former Liberal and Nationals Government had allocated \$100 million to complete this project.

"The route has already been determined, all property has been acquired and the next step is to appoint a contractor to complete the job," Ms Preston said.

"If this Government thinks it can deliver the Pitt Town Bypass for \$12 million, it is badly mistaken."

"I will be asking the Minister for Roads, The Hon. John Graham MLC, when we can expect the contract to be awarded and allocated.

"It would be cruel for the Minns Labor Government to give the Hawkesbury community false hope, if they're not going to provide enough funding to get the job done," said Ms Preston.

"The NSW Treasurer, Daniel Mookhey should also be honest in admitting that the \$100 million for an upgrade to Bells Line of Road between the Blue Mountains and Richmond is not coming from the NSW Budget.

"This funding was already announced on 18th January 2023 by the Federal Government for safety upgrades, such as overtaking lanes and road widening."

"There is no additional funding by the Minns Labor Government for this project and to take credit for this is completely deceptive," Robyn Preston said.

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