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BROKEN PROMISES FOR FLOOD IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

The NSW Opposition has called out an appalling broken promise in the Minns Government's first budget which reveals at minimum a \$300m gap in the funding provided to deliver vital road upgrades to North-West Sydney.

In the 2023/24 Budget, the Minns Government committed \$200m over two years for the Western Sydney Flood Resilience program¹.

However in examining the projects, the Opposition can reveal the Government has only provided 40% of the total cost to deliver these works.

Project	Labor Funding	Pre-election Cost
Richmond Road Upgrade – M7 to Townson Road	\$200m over two years	\$285m
Pitt Town Bypass		\$100m ²
Garfield Road East Upgrade		\$100m
Upgrade the intersection of The Driftway and Londonderry Road		\$15m
Total funding	\$200m	\$500m
Shortfall		- \$300m

These projects were funded for delivery by the Coalition Government prior to the election through the WestInvest Fund, which required projects to have a finalised business case. During the election campaign the Labor Opposition matched the funding for the majority of these projects³.

Shadow Minister for Roads Natalie Ward commented on the broken promise “Cutting funding to flood resilience infrastructure is a disgrace, they promised the projects before the election and now they can't deliver it.”

“The Government needs to explain how it intends on delivering four projects inside two years with 40% of the funding – it doesn't add up, just like Labor's budget.”

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston commented “This Labor Government shouldn't give false hope by announcing vital infrastructure projects without adequate funding.”

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¹ https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/2023-24_01_Budget-Paper-No-3-Infrastructure-Statement_new-infrastructure-program-to-support-essential-services-housing-and-communities.pdf page 31

² <https://infrastructuremagazine.com.au/2023/01/16/1-billion-upgrade-for-western-sydney-roads/>

Labor Commitment: <https://ozarab.media/nsw-labor-560-million-to-fund-critical-road-infrastructure-in-sydneys-northwest/>