

# Roads Re-Categorisation

## Our Ask

Confirm the Minister's expectations of the new portal (i.e. anticipated proportion of roads to be re-categorised and level of new funding to support re-categorisation).

## Context

- Several critical regional connector roads currently categorised as local roads in the Hunter are deteriorating faster than councils can afford to maintain them.
- These roads underpin infrastructure and assets of significance to the NSW Government (e.g. water supply and Renewable Energy Zones), key state and regional economic assets (e.g. Port of Newcastle and Newcastle Airport) and link large regional population centres.
- Yet the limited revenue base of local councils makes it impossible to fund the necessary maintenance of these road assets.
- We acknowledge the NSW Government investment into developing a new road re-categorisation tool, and would like to understand how many roads are expected to be transferred.

