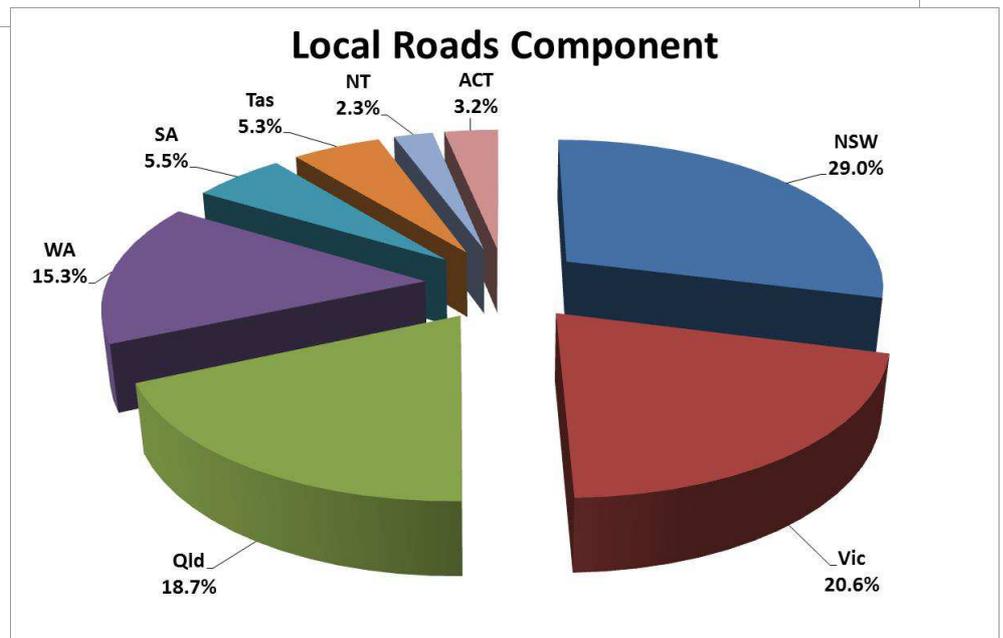
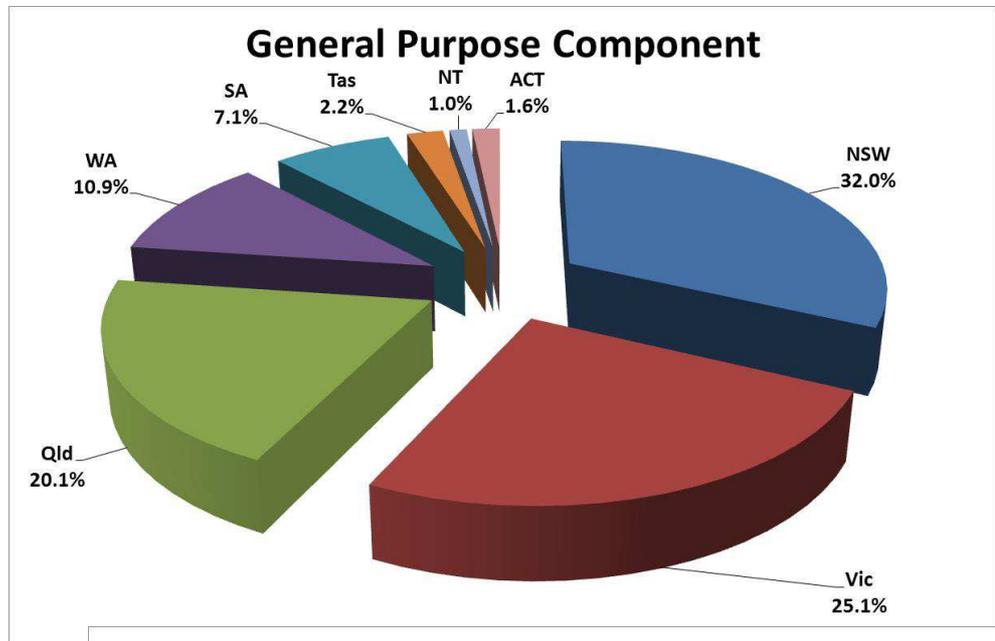


Highlights 2016-17 Financial Assistance Grants

National Estimated Entitlements

State	General Purpose Component \$	Local Roads Component \$	Total \$
New South Wales	508,002,282	204,085,189	712,087,471
Victoria	397,116,376	145,020,454	542,136,830
Queensland	318,465,494	131,795,765	450,261,259
Western Australia	172,445,721	107,554,465	280,000,186
South Australia	112,768,578	38,657,876	151,426,454
Tasmania	34,265,579	37,276,466	71,542,045
Northern Territory	16,161,188	16,477,568	32,638,756
Australian Capital Territory	26,027,665	22,555,574	48,583,239
Total	1,585,252,883	703,423,357	2,288,676,240



General Purpose Component Highlights

Note: comparisons are based on the 2015-16 adjusted entitlements and category references are based on the Australian Classification of Local Government.

- NSW's general purpose estimated entitlement for 2016-17 is \$508,002,282.
- NSW's share of the general purpose component is 32.05%, which represents a small increase on last year's 32.02%. The increase reflects NSW's increased share of the national population.
- The increase in general purpose grant to NSW is \$479,795 or 0.0945%, compared to the national decrease of 0.0045%.
- Because of concerns about data quality and in the interests of grant stability, the Commission has limited changes in the general purpose component to -5%/+10%.
- Seventy-five of the State's one hundred and thirty-two local authorities (includes Lord Howe Island, Silverton, and Tibooburra) received increases in their general purpose component grant.
- Councils receiving the greatest increase in their general purpose component grant include Ballina, Byron and Camden, each with 10% increases, followed by Bogan (9.2%), Brewarrina (8.9%), Central Darling (8.6%), Walcha (8.2%), and Bourke (7.9%).
- Councils receiving the greatest reductions in their general purpose component grant are Bathurst Regional, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Lithgow, Liverpool, Muswellbrook, Orange, Penrith, Wagga Wagga, and Yass Valley, each with reductions limited to 5%.

Metropolitan (the Greater Sydney Statistical Area)

- The average decrease for metropolitan councils is 1.4%, compared to the overall State increase of 0.1%.
- Seventeen of the thirty-five metropolitan councils received decreases in their general purpose component grants.
- Twelve of the twenty-one minimum grant councils received increases above the state average, which reflects population growth in these areas.
- Seven metropolitan councils received reductions limited to 5.0%.
- Camden receives the highest increase of 10%, followed by Wollondilly with an increase of 4.9% and Central Coast with a 4.1% increase.

Non-metropolitan (outside the Greater Sydney Statistical Area)

- The average increase for non-metropolitan councils is 0.6%, compared with the State increase of 0.7%.
- The top ten general purpose component increases for non-metropolitan councils are: Ballina (10.0%), Byron (10.0%), Bogan (9.2%), Brewarrina (8.9%), Central Darling (8.6%), Walcha (8.2%), Bourke (7.9%), Kiama (7.8%), Moree Plains (7.5%), and Balranald (7.3%)
- Forty of the ninety-seven non-metropolitan councils received reduced grants.
- As a group the remote councils receive an average increase of 7.1%. Central Darling (8.6%) and Cobar (5.9%) receive the highest increases for this group.

- Brewarrina, which is now the only council in the rural agricultural small group, received an increase of 8.9%.
- Rural agricultural medium and rural agricultural large councils received average increases of 4.5% and 1.9% respectively.

Per Capita Minimum

The Commonwealth Act specifies that all councils are entitled to a per capita minimum grant, based on 30% of the general purpose component. Twenty-one councils, all located in the Sydney metropolitan area receive the "safety net" minimum entitlement.

The council areas on the per capita minimum of \$20.01 are: Botany Bay, Burwood, Canada Bay, Georges River, the Hills, Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, Randwick, Rockdale, Ryde, Strathfield, Sutherland Shire, Sydney, Waverley, Willoughby, and Woollahra.

Local Roads Component Highlights

Note: the distribution formula, which was originally developed by Roads and Maritime Services, is based on each council's proportion of local road and bridge length and resident population numbers.

- NSW' estimated entitlement for 2016-17 is \$204,085,189, an increase of \$9,142 on last year's entitlement.
- NSW receives a fixed share of the national allocation of 29%.
- Variations in the local roads component grant are the result of changes in councils' population shares and changes in reported road or bridge length figures.
- Reported road length data used in 2016-17 increased by 116 km, compared with the previous year's 137 km increase. Bridge length increased by 993 m, compared with last year's 845 m increase.
- Variations for individual councils' road lengths range from an increase of 83 km to a reduction of 122 km. Changes to reported bridge length ranged from an increase of 655 m to a 1,248 m decrease.
- The largest percentage increase in the local roads component grant is for Camden, up 9.8%. Coolamon recorded the largest percentage decrease, down 6.0%.

Total Grants

The total estimated entitlement to NSW for 2016-17 is \$712,087,471, an increase on the 2015-16 adjusted entitlement of \$488,637 or 0.0687%, compared to the national increase of 0.0045%.

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