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Referred by: Australian Labor Party **Proposal No:** C1639
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Proposal Title: Urban Roads Fund
Cluster: Transport

General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
Net Operating Balance:	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	55,000	275,000	440,000	770,000
Capital Offsets		27,500	137,500	220,000	
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	27,500	137,500	220,000	385,000

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(27,500)	(137,500)	(220,000)	(385,000)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(27,500)	(137,500)	(220,000)	(385,000)
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to create a capped \$770 million urban road capital fund to build major roads in metro areas, including improvements to key corridors in Heathcote, Riverstone and a range of road projects to be announced as part of Labor's pipeline of roads projects.

\$200 million of the fund will cover the identification, planning and start of work on critical evacuation roads.

The policy proposes to offset 50% of the costs with funding from Restart and funds appear as an offset in the table above.

Restart NSW Fund

The PBO has consulted with NSW Treasury who have advised there is an estimated total of \$1.2 billion of unallocated funds in the Restart NSW Fund.

The Restart NSW Fund (the Fund) was established by the NSW Government under the [Restart NSW Fund Act 2011](#) for the purpose of setting aside funding for and securing the delivery of major infrastructure projects and other necessary infrastructure. The purpose of the Fund is to improve

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

economic growth and productivity in NSW through funding infrastructure projects, such as roads, public transport, health facilities and workplaces for providing public services, among others.

Under the Act, Infrastructure NSW is responsible for assessing and recommending Restart NSW projects, and the Treasurer is responsible for approving funding for all or part of any projects.¹

To use the funds from Restart NSW, the Treasurer would need to be satisfied that the urban road projects satisfy the purpose of the fund. The costing assumes the major roads funded under the proposal would meet the definition of major infrastructure projects as set out in the act,² or that legislation would be amended accordingly.

¹ *Restart NSW Fund Act*, s 8

² *Restart NSW Fund Act*, s 4(1)(a)