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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO**

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# Local Government Sector

## Engagement & Delivery



**79** local councils in Victoria



**50,000+** Victorians employed by local councils



**100+** different Government services delivered to Victorian communities



**\$3.4 billion** to be spent by councils this year on capital works



**\$9.5 billion** to be spent this year by councils on services and infrastructure

## Grants Programs



Growing Suburbs Fund



Public Libraries Program



Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme



Roadside Weeds and Pests



Victorian Local Government Grants Commission



Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program

# Key budget initiatives

## GROWING SUBURBS FUND

The 2021-22 Budget is supporting high growth councils to deliver critical local infrastructure



\$50 million to expand the Growing Suburbs Fund



# Key budget initiatives

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING PROGRAM

The 2021-22 Budget recognises the vital role of public libraries



**Additional \$9.3 million over four years**

## ROADSIDE WEEDS AND PESTS

The 2021-22 Budget is protecting Victoria's agricultural industry



**\$11.5 million over four years**

# Key budget initiatives

## RURAL ROADS SUPPORT PACKAGE

The 2021-22 Victorian Budget is helping our smallest councils improve the way they manage their roads



**\$1.4 million  
over two years**

## LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The 2021-22 Victorian Budget will fund a program to increase women's leadership capabilities



**\$1.8 million  
over four years**

# Local Government - key achievements



Victorian Councils maintained key services and programs for their community with the support of a range of **COVID stimulus funding**.



Introduced the **Women Building Surveyors program**, providing 40 women the opportunity to train and work as building surveyors.



Conducted safe and secure **local government elections** in 2020, resulting in the highest number of elected female councillors in Australia.