

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY AND VALUE FOR
MONEY OF NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

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Canterbury-Bankstown Council is now one of the largest forced amalgamated councils in Sydney and as such needs (and deserves) access to the same funds that have been clearly allocated to Liberal councils without issue.

Funding is desperately needed across the following areas:

- urgent allocation to a long term clean up and maintenance of the Cooks River waterway, this is becoming a human health hazard with piles of refuse seen along banks from end of the end of the river. The Cooks River and the surrounding parklands forms for many councils and their communities the only access to outdoor space and recreation.

- urgent allocation to help assist councils in their commitment to tree-scape upgrades along large transit corridors. Western Sydney is one of, if not the, hottest area in Sydney during the summer months. Providing funds to councils to build green corridors will go some way to offsetting the heat island effects of reduced green space that we have suffered due to unchecked apartment development in and across the inner and outer west.

- urgent allocation to assisting council in providing support to and regeneration assistance to the Turrella Reserve, the last remaining grey-headed flying fox urban nesting site.

- urgent allocation to commercial regeneration of large traffic corridors like Canterbury Rd and New Canterbury Rd.