



Leadership for the West

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### **Almost \$6 Million for Councils in Melbourne's West**

Today CEO of LeadWest, Anton Mayer, welcomed the Rudd Government's announcement of almost \$6 million for the councils in Melbourne's West, under the Government's \$300 million Local Community Regional and Local Infrastructure Program.

Anton Mayer said the funding highlighted that the communities operating in Melbourne's West were in dire need of support, and that the funding made available to the Western councils would bolster jobs and growth within the Region.


"This announcement illustrates that the Government recognises that to secure the future prosperity of our Western region, significant investment needs to be channelled into high population growth areas and those of real social disadvantage. From the total national fund allocation of \$300 million, the Rudd Government has distributed \$62 million dollars across Victorian councils with the criteria including population growth and the level of disadvantage," Mr Mayer said.


The funding will target projects that can be delivered quickly and provide an immediate boost to local economies such as upgrades to sports grounds, town hall refurbishments and street improvements.

LeadWest is a peak advocacy body that was formed to provide leadership to the West in addressing its challenges and capitalising on its advantages, to be a representative voice for the West, especially to State and Federal Government. LeadWest's goal is to help the West realise its great potential as a dynamic and enjoyable place in which to live, work and visit.

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