

Explanatory Statement – Instrument 2016/2

The Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development approved the allocations for the new Roads to Recovery programme, to run from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019 on 12 September 2014. The list was amended by Instrument No. 2015/1 made on 24 March 2015, Instrument No. 2015/2 made on 2 April 2015, Instrument No. 2015/3 made on 12 August 2015 and Instrument No. 2016/1 made on 12 July 2016.

Subsection 88(1) of the *National Land Transport Act 2014* (the NLT Act), allows the Minister to vary the Roads to Recovery List where a funding recipient specified in the Roads to Recovery List ceases to exist before receiving its full allocation, and to redirect some or all of the remaining funds to another funding recipient or to one or more funding recipients.

On 12 May 2016, the New South Wales Government created 19 new councils as part of its Stronger Councils / Stronger Communities initiative, resulting in the abolition and merger of 41 councils including the Parramatta City Council being renamed as the City of Parramatta Council.

As a result of the initiative, the City of Parramatta Council transferred 10% of its road network to the newly created Cumberland Council, which also absorbed the former Auburn and Holroyd City councils.

This Instrument amends the Roads to Recovery List by adding in the Cumberland Council and its allocation, along with the reduction in funding to the City of Parramatta Council which was agreed between the two councils.

The Instrument commences on 30 September 2016 to enable payments claimed by the newly created council to commence after that date.