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Federal Labor Member for Wills

**Federal Government to deliver \$508 million to Victorian local councils –  
Each council's share to be determined over the next month**

The Federal Labor Government will deliver \$508 million to local councils and shires in Victoria in the new financial year.

“Local councils in Wills will receive federal funding for their local communities,” Mr Thomson said.

“The exact amount for each council is expected to be determined by the end of July, with the first quarterly payment made to councils in August 2008.

“We know how important local councils like Moreland and Moonee Valley are in holding our communities together.

“Every year, they fix up local roads, maintain parks and pools, run libraries, community centres, health and child care services, and provide water and sewerage services.

“That’s why the Labor Government is providing around \$508 million this year to local councils across Victoria to help them support local communities.

The Victorian \$508 million in federal funding in 2008-09 includes:

- Around \$440 million in Financial Assistance Grants, which are untied and can be spent according to local needs;
- Around \$68 million in *Roads to Recovery* funding for nominated local roads [This includes funds not spent by local councils in previous years, which the Government will make available again this year]; and

The Federal Labor Government is putting local government at the heart of our nation-building agenda.

The services that councils provide help maintain healthy, sustainable communities where people want to live, work and raise families.

Local government grant commissions in each state and territory will recommend where the financial assistance grants will be allocated, with the first quarterly instalment to be delivered in August 2008.

*Roads to Recovery* funds are provided directly to councils for nominated local road projects.

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