

Media Release
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Response to misinformation about \$250 million Mona Vale Road Funding

Following Tuesday night's confirmation in the Budget that Dr Sophie Scamps MP secured \$250 million from the federal government for the Mona Vale Road West upgrade, misinformation has already started circulating about the details.

For **Pittwater Online News** to assert that the \$250 million allocated in the Budget would be drip fed over 10 years – equating to \$25 million a year – is simply ridiculous misinformation. There is no basis for such an assertion.

It is disappointing that Pittwater Online News is dressing up political misinformation as news.

Dr Scamps met with the Minister for Infrastructure again this morning, who confirmed that money for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade has been allocated in the Budget forward estimates. In simple terms, that means the money is in the bank. Further, as occurs typically with infrastructure projects, money that has been allocated in the Budget will continue to be released as the project rolls out as required.

This win for our community is the result of consistent and constructive advocacy that Dr Scamps has undertaken at both the state and federal levels of government over the past three years. It is not an election promise, it is money allocated in the Budget. There has been no deal done, as some people have suggested. Dr Scamps has simply worked hard for our community as you would hope and expect your representative to do.

“I am proud that I have been able to convince the federal government to partner with NSW Government to deliver this critical infrastructure for our community. This is new money, as the federal government has never previously committed any money to upgrade Mona Vale Road.”

“I will continue to engage constructively with all side of politics and all levels of government to achieve outcomes for Mackellar,” Dr Scamps said.

“This constructive and consistent approach has been highly successful in delivering for our community, with results including ending the licence to drill for gas off our coastline, a promised Urgent Care Clinic, a new Youth Mental Health Hub, and now I am leading the charge to have our hospital returned to public hands.”

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