

NSW BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

How to apply for funding

Nation Building Black Spot funding

The funding criteria, assessment process and program allocations for the Nation Building Black Spot Programme are set by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and are detailed in the [Notes on Administration for Nation Building Black Spot Program](#).

Councils are required to submit the following information to blackspots@rms.nsw.gov.au:

- *Black Spot nomination form* (including NSW nomination checklist form);
- *Essential supporting information*: Benefit cost ratio spreadsheet, detailed cost estimate, photo(s) of the site, drawing/sketch of proposed treatment including where the existing crashes are;
- *Other information* that the council would like to submit to support the nomination including designs, if available.

For any other supplementary information that cannot be submitted via email please send two copies of supporting information to:

NSW Black Spot Consultative Panel
Roads and Maritime Services
Locked Bag 928
North Sydney NSW 2059 DX10516

NSW black spot funding

For details of the State black spot funding criteria, click [here](#).

Contact

For Nation Building and State black spot matters and submission of nomination forms contact blackspots@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Indicative timetable for black spot nominations:

| Black Spot Time Line | When | Annual cycle |
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| Calling for federal black spot nominations for FY13/14 | June 2012 | June each year |
| Federal black spot nominations for FY13/14 close | 17 th August 2012 | 3rd Friday of August each year |
| State black spot nominations for FY13/14 close | 1 st October 2012 | 1 st October of each year |
| Final consolidated version of the nominations submitted to the Panel | November 2012 | November each year |
| NSW Black Spot Consultative Panel meeting | February 2013 | First 2 weeks of February |
| Nomination submitted to Infrastructure for approval | After Panel Meeting (1-2 weeks) | After Panel Meeting (1-2 weeks) |
| Advice received from Infrastructure | After submission to Infrastructure | After submission to Infrastructure |
| Councils and regions informed of status of their nominations | As soon as advice is provided by Infrastructure | As soon as advice is provided by Infrastructure |

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NOMINATION GUIDELINE FOR NSW

Below is a general guideline to assist councils with the nomination. It is essential that Councils read [Notes on Administration for Nation Building Black Spot Program](#).

BLACK SPOT SITES

A Black Spot can be up to 3 km in length. However, crashes along a section can only be included in the Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) calculations if they occur along the length being treated. The minimum criteria for eligibility is at least 3 casualty crashes in the most recent 5 years of crash data. However all crashes, including towaways, can be used when calculating the Safety BCR.

BLACK LENGTHS SITES

A Black Length is any section of road being treated that is longer than 3 km. The minimum criteria for eligibility is an average of 0.2 casualty crashes per kilometre per annum over the last 5 years of crash data. Raw crash numbers should also be included, as well as the crash rates per km and per km per annum using the template provided.

MAXIMUM PROJECT SIZE

The Federal contribution for any crash conforming project will be no greater than \$2,000,000. However, emphasis is on low-cost and high-return projects. The minimum project cost that will be considered by the Consultative Panel is \$10,000 for rural LGAs and \$20,000 for urban LGAs. Road Safety Audit nominations (that is, nominations that do not meet the BCR criteria) that cost more than \$300,000 will not be considered. Councils will be allocated funding based on the Estimate of Cost submitted on the nomination form. Therefore, Councils must be sure that all expected costs are identified and included, along with possible variations and contingencies.

ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

Projects can be nominated from sites identified in a Road Safety Audit. A road safety audit is a formal examination and is conducted by an independent, qualified team of professionals.

The road safety audit is undertaken in accordance with RTA's *Guidelines for Road Safety Audit Practices: Part 1 road safety audits* or Austroads *Guide to Road Safety: Part 6 road safety audits*.

Road safety audit team members need to be certified on the NSW Centre for Road Safety's *Register of Road Safety Auditors* at www.roadsafetyregister.com.au.

Each audit nomination will be ranked by the RMS using a simplified risk assessment process.

NATIONAL ROADS

Funding is now available for projects located on the National Network (formerly known as Auslink Network).

REGIONAL SPLIT

The Federal Government has a requirement that at least 50% of each state's funding must be allocated to projects in regional areas.

ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF PROJECTS

To be eligible for Federal funding, all projects must have a safety (BCR) of 2.0 (using Willingness To Pay) or greater, as the program is prioritised on BCR and cost. Use the BCR spreadsheet provided in the nomination form. The discount rate for benefits and costs in the economic evaluation of all projects is 7%. (Please use the Total Cost of the treatment - including amounts contributed by other funding sources).

CONTENTIOUS PROJECTS

Any large projects, nominated by Councils, on State roads or which involve the construction of traffic signals on local roads will require a full investigation of the proposal in order to ensure they meet with RMS warrants and long term planning strategies. **Councils are required to seek approval from RMS Regional representatives before submitting the nomination.**

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The design and construction of all projects must conform to RMS and/or Austroads design guidelines. They are also subject to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and *Section 30 of the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975*.

Nation Building Black Spot signs must be erected at all sites during construction, and, where the Federal allocation is greater than \$100,000, they must be left in place for a period of at least one year. A temporary sign is to be erected while construction work is in progress on projects of less than \$100,000. These signs are usually available through the local RMS Regional Office.

Payments to Council on completion of work will be based on the approved allocation or the cost of work, whichever is the lesser.

TREATMENT CODE

Please ensure that no other code or codes are used in the nomination form, apart from the ones provided.

Council by Urban/ Rural and RMS Region

| Council | Urban/Rural | RMS Region |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Albury City Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Armidale Dumaresq Council | Rural | Northern |
| Ashfield Municipal Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Auburn Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Ballina Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Balranald Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Bankstown City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Bathurst City Council | Rural | Western |
| The Hills Shire Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Bega Valley Shire Council | Rural | Southern |
| Bellingen Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Berrigan Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Blacktown City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Bland Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Blayney Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Blue Mountains City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Bogan Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Bombala Council | Rural | Southern |
| Boorowa Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Botany Bay City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Bourke Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Brewarrina Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Broken Hill City Council | Rural | Western |
| Burwood Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Byron Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Cabonne Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Camden Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Campbelltown City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Canada Bay Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Canterbury City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Carrathool Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Central Darling Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Cessnock City Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Clarence Valley Council | Rural | Northern |
| Cobar Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Coffs Harbour City Council | Rural | Northern |
| Conargo Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Coolamon Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Cooma-Monaro Shire Council | Rural | Southern |
| Coonamble Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Cootamundra Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Corowa Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Cowra Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Deniliquin Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Dubbo City Council | Rural | Western |
| Dungog Shire Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Eurobodalla Shire Council | Rural | Southern |
| Fairfield City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Forbes Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Gilgandra Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Glen Innes Severn Council | Rural | Northern |
| Gloucester Shire Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Gosford City Council | Urban | Hunter |
| Goulburn Mulwaree Council | Rural | Southern |
| Greater Taree City Council | Rural | Hunter |

| Council | Urban/Rural | RMS Region |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Greater Hume Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Great Lakes Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Griffith City Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Gundagai Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Gunnedah Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Guyra Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Gwydir Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Harden Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Hawkesbury City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Hay Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Holroyd City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Hornsby Shire Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Hunter's Hill Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Hurstville City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Inverell Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Jerilderie Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Junee Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Kempsey Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Kiama Municipal Council | Rural | Southern |
| Kogarah City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Ku-ring-gai Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Kyogle Council | Rural | Northern |
| Lachlan Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Lake Macquarie City Council | Urban | Hunter |
| Lane Cove Municipal Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Leeton Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Leichhardt Municipal Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Lismore City Council | Rural | Northern |
| Lithgow City Council | Rural | Western |
| Liverpool City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Liverpool Plains Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Lockhart Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Maitland City Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Manly Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Marrickville Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Mid-Western Regional Council | Rural | Western |
| Moree Plains Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Mosman Municipal Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Murray Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Murrumbidgee Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Muswellbrook Shire Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Nambucca Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Narrabri Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Narrandera Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Narromine Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Newcastle City Council | Urban | Hunter |
| North Sydney Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Oberon Council | Rural | Western |
| Orange City Council | Rural | Western |
| Palerang Council | Rural | Southern |
| Parkes Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Parramatta City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Penrith City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Pittwater Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Port Stephens Council | Rural | Hunter |

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| Port Macquarie Hastings Council | Urban | Northern |
| Queanbeyan City Council | Urban | Southern |
| Randwick City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Richmond Valley Council | Rural | Northern |
| Rockdale City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Ryde City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Shellharbour City Council | Urban | Southern |
| Shoalhaven City Council | Rural | Southern |
| Singleton Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Snowy River Shire Council | Rural | Southern |
| Strathfield Municipal Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Sutherland Shire Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Sydney City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Tamworth City Council | Rural | Northern |
| Temora Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Tenterfield Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Tumbarumba Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Tumut Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Tweed Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Upper Hunter Shire Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Upper Lachlan Shire Council | Rural | Hunter |
| Uralla Shire Council | Rural | Northern |
| Urana Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Wagga Wagga City Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Wakool Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Walcha Council | Rural | Northern |
| Walgett Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Warren Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Warringham Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Warrumbungle Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Waverley Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Weddin Shire Council | Rural | Western |
| Wellington Council | Rural | Western |
| Wentworth Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Willoughby City Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Wingecarribee Shire Council | Rural | Southern |
| Wollondilly Shire Council | Rural | Southern |
| Wollongong City Council | Urban | Southern |
| Woollahra Municipal Council | Urban | Sydney |
| Wyong Shire Council | Urban | Hunter |
| Yass Valley Council | Rural | Sth-West |
| Young Shire Council | Rural | Sth-West |