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SECRETARY: DEPT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NSW Premier Mike Baird today announced Carolyn McNally has been appointed to the position of Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment.

Ms McNally has been the Acting Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment, and was formerly Deputy Director General for Transport for NSW, with responsibility for transport planning and program management.

She has previously held senior executive roles in the Commonwealth Government in infrastructure, regional development and social services sectors.

“I am delighted Carolyn McNally has accepted the job in this important portfolio,” Mr Baird said.

“Ms McNally has managed multi-billion dollar infrastructure budgets and has extensive experience working closely with both the private and community sectors to design and deliver new services and systems.

“She is joining the Department of Planning and Environment at an exciting and challenging time, when higher levels of population growth are forecast for Sydney and regional NSW.

“That means new thinking and close working relationships with the private sector, local government and the community will be essential to how we plan for the future,” Mr Baird said.

Minister for Planning Pru Goward said Ms McNally was responsible for producing NSW’s first ever statewide Long Term Transport Master Plan, as well as a range of supporting transport plans.

“Ms McNally’s understanding of major infrastructure projects, together with her experience working with a wide range of stakeholders in both social and economic development, will be important as the NSW Government embarks on a program of significant infrastructure investment,” Ms Goward said.

“Ms McNally has already commenced positioning the newly formed Department of Planning and Environment to focus on integrated land use planning.

“This is in order to achieve a balance of managing future growth in a way that focuses on not just the economy but protecting our environment and heritage,” Ms Goward said.