KEY SECTION OF THE NORTHERN ROAD UPGRADE APPROVED

The upgrade of a 16km stretch of The Northern Road between Glenmore Park and Bringelly, has been approved by NSW Planning and Housing Minister Anthony Roberts, providing a strategic link between growth areas in Sydney’s south west and west.

Acting Deputy Secretary for Planning Services, Steve Murray, said the approval follows the official opening of the first section of the upgrade between Narellan and Oran Park in April.

He said both projects will provide better road connections for communities to Western Sydney Airport. “As we plan for new homes and new communities across Sydney, we must plan for infrastructure like The Northern Road to support them,” he said.

“Thousands of families are moving to the west and we know the projected traffic growth will exceed The Northern Road’s existing capacity, particularly at major intersections along the corridor, so we need to plan for this growth now.”

Mr Murray said the upgraded road will not only support Western Sydney Airport but will also link communities from Campbelltown to Penrith.

“Sydney’s road and motorway network supports economic growth across NSW by connecting people to jobs, facilitating trade between businesses and providing the required infrastructure for efficient freight movements,” he said. “Efficient transport systems will become increasingly important in facilitating future population and economic growth.”

The 16km upgrade is part of a $1.6 billion upgrade to a 35km stretch between Narellan and South Penrith, converting it from a two to four lane undivided road to a six to eight lane divided road. The Northern Road upgrade is part of the joint NSW and Commonwealth Governments’ $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan to upgrade road infrastructure in western Sydney over the next 10 years.

As part of the approvals process, the Department listened to the community and inserted conditions in response to submissions. These include the need to mitigate noise impacts and plant two trees for every one removed during construction.

For more information about the road upgrade approval, visit: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=7127

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