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MAJOR INTERSECTION UPGRADE COMPLETED AT THE ESPLANADE AND FAIRFAX ROAD

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay today announced the $5 million upgrade of the intersection of The Esplanade and Fairfax Road at Warners Bay was now complete.

Minister Gay said the NSW Government funded the upgrade to improve traffic flow and safety for the 20,000 vehicles travelling through the intersection each day.

“We replaced the existing roundabout with traffic lights to improve pedestrian and cyclist access to the lake foreshore, local businesses near the intersection and the western end of the main shopping precinct,” Minister Gay said.

“The Esplanade has been widened to two lanes in each direction to reduce queuing and congestion during peak times at the intersection.

“Two right turn lanes were also installed on Fairfax Road for motorists turning onto The Esplanade.

“The new traffic lights are now operating and final finishing work is now complete.

“Improved lighting at the intersection has also been installed to increase safety at night and the shared path along the foreshore reconfigured to bypass the car parks and connect with the new crossings at the intersection.

This work will greatly improve safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.

“This was a collaborative with Lake Macquarie Council and local cycling and community interest groups providing their feedback on the proposed intersection designs.

Minister Gay said the intersection at The Esplanade and Fairfax Road was the main gateway for motorists travelling from western Lake Macquarie to Cardiff and Charlestown.

“This upgrade will improve traffic flow and travel times, especially for motorists travelling along Fairfax Road.”

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