Joint Media Statement

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$1 billion of Pacific Highway works between Woolgoolga and Ballina put to tender

- $1 billion civil works package currently going to tender as part of Pacific Highway upgrade
- Road fatalities halved since the Pacific Highway upgrade began

Around $1 billion worth of major civil work packages for the Woolgoolga to Ballina section of the Pacific Highway upgrade are currently going to tender.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the release of the tenders is a major milestone in the Australian and New South Wales government-funded upgrade.

“This investment in Pacific Highway upgrades is already delivering results with a reduction in road fatalities,” Mr Chester said.

New South Wales Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Duncan Gay said the tenders for the long awaited Woolgoolga to Ballina section of the Pacific Highway should have happened more than a decade ago.

“Work is underway on about 90 kilometres of the upgrade and the award of these tenders will result in the full 155 kilometres being under construction. For decades the duplication of the Pacific Highway has been a pipe dream for the communities along its length – with this Federal and State coalition governments we are delivering on our commitment,” Mr Gay said.

Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan said the Australian and New South Wales governments were on track to deliver a fully duplicated Pacific Highway between Hexham and the Queensland border by 2020.

“The work has been divided into five contract packages so works can proceed simultaneously, ensuring the project opens to traffic on time in 2020. Just as important is the jobs dividend for the entire region, with millions of dollars flowing through the local economy and even more to come thanks to these contracts,” Mr Hogan said.

New South Wales Member for Clarence Chris Gulaptis said the slew of upcoming work signalled immense opportunities for the region’s companies and workers.
“The release of this work to the market means the vast majority of the major contracts for the Woolgoolga to Ballina upgrade will either be issued for tender or evaluated by the end of the year, helping the project to achieve its target to open to traffic by 2020, weather permitting,” Mr Gulaptis said.

The following shortlisted companies have been asked to tender for individual, and/or combinations of packages for work:

- BGC Contracting Pty Ltd
- Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd
- BMD Constructions Pty Ltd
- CPB Contractors Pty Ltd
- Daracon Contractors Pty Ltd
- FK Gardner & Sons Pty Ltd
- Georgiou Group Pty Ltd
- Golding Contractors Pty Ltd
- Lendlease Engineering Pty Ltd
- OHL Construction Pacific Pty Ltd
- Seymour Whyte Ostwald Joint Venture

The Australian and New South Wales governments are jointly funding the Woolgoolga to Ballina upgrade on an 80:20 basis.