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NEXT STAGE OF GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY COMPLETED AT BULLABURRA AND WENTWORTH FALLS

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay and Member for Blue Mountains Roza Sage announced today the $85 million two-kilometre upgrade of the Great Western Highway from west of Genevieve Road at Bullaburra to Tableland Road at Wentworth Falls has now been completed.

“The NSW Government has invested $569 million into the upgrade of the Great Western Highway since March 2011,” Minister Gay said.

“I am proud the NSW Government is delivering vital infrastructure for these communities.

“The investment in this key freight and transport link between Sydney and central New South Wales is already improving safety and reducing travel times for motorists.”

Mrs Sage said more than 20,700 motorists use the highway daily and today’s announcement of the completion of works was great news.

“This is another monumental milestone in the upgrade of this fundamentally important road for the people of the Blue Mountains,” Mrs Sage said.

“To see these projects being completed is so important to the community and the boost to our tourism and wider business community will be huge.

“The highway now has two lanes in each direction between Bullaburra and Wentworth Falls with a centre median.

“A two metre wide shoulder is in place on either side of the highway to improve separation between vehicles and cyclists and the speed limit from west of Genevieve Road at Bullaburra to Tablelands Road at Wentworth Falls will be signposted as 80 km/h.”

Minister Gay said the NSW Coalition’s historic investments to fast track upgrades of the Great Western Highway would result in a four-lane divided road all the way from Emu Plains to Katoomba.

“The remaining $75 million section from Emu Plains to Katoomba will be completed by mid-next year,” Minister Gay said.

“We are also carrying out early work for the $250 million Great Western Highway upgrade between Katoomba and Lithgow.”

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