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FASTER AND SAFER TRAVEL ON THE WAY ON PRINCES MOTORWAY AT ALBION PARK RAIL

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward has today announced that the Albion Park Rail bypass is a step closer to becoming a reality, with three shortlisted companies invited to tender for the design and construct contract.

Mr Ward said that the bypass will enable faster and safer travel between Yallah and Oak Flats by completing the missing link of the Princes Highway.

“The Albion Park Rail Bypass has been in the planning for many years, so it’s exciting to be able to invite companies to design and carry out early work,” he said.

“Extending the M1 Princes Motorway at this location will mean motorists bypass 16 intersections, which will improve freight productivity.

“The benefits of this project don’t stop there, as the 9.8 kilometre bypass will reduce the risk of crashes at this location and cater to future growth in the Illawarra.

Mr Ward has reminded the local community to have a say on the submissions and preferred infrastructure report, which is on display until Monday 25th September.

“Now is the chance for people to provide feedback on the Albion Park Rail Bypass which will revolutionise travel in the Illawarra,” he said.

“All feedback provided will be reviewed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and the community will be kept informed as the project progresses.

“The design and construct contract is expected to be awarded mid next year, with major work set to start in 2019 and finish in 2022,” Mr Ward concluded.