Joint Media Statement

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Better local roads for Western Sydney

The Australian and NSW Governments are getting on with building world class infrastructure for a stronger and more prosperous Western Sydney today announcing successful projects for Round One of the $200 million Western Sydney Local Roads Package.

Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Jamie Briggs said the projects are focused on improving the productivity and safety performance of the local road network surrounding the new Western Sydney Airport site.

“Works will involve road upgrades such as the installation of traffic lights, roundabouts or additional turning lanes, helping to ease congestion and create local jobs.

“Projects approved for funding have been assessed as delivering the greatest economic uplift and safety benefits for local communities.

“Funding has been approved for the following four projects:

- $17.5 million - Eagle Vale Drive Upgrade – Campbelltown City Council.
- $5.8 million - Cumberland Highway Intersection Upgrades – Fairfield City Council;
- $5.7 million - Wetherill Street Upgrade – Fairfield City Council; and
- $1.1 million - The Northern Road and Erskine Park Road Intersection Upgrades – Penrith City Council;

“This package is an important part of our joint $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan that will unlock the region’s economic capacity by boosting productivity, slashing travel times and creating thousands of local jobs”.

New South Wales Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay said the two governments were working closely with the Councils to ensure the best possible outcomes for local communities.

“Significant investment in the Western Sydney road network is vital to the future prosperity of the region and to ensure people spend less time in their cars and more time with family,” Mr Gay said.

“The NSW Government is committed to Rebuilding NSW and Western Sydney is a key priority as Australia’s third-largest economy and a region expected to grow from two million to three million people in the next 20 years.

“The NSW Government is steaming ahead with new and upgraded roads for a new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek.
“We laid the groundwork for many of the major projects now fully funded including The Northern Road and Bringelly Road.

“It is part of a big rollout of vital infrastructure investment in south western Sydney and today we officially opened Stages one and two of the $300 million Camden Valley Way upgrade four months ahead of schedule.

“Working together with the Australian Government, we are determined to ensure Western Sydney has the infrastructure it needs for future economic growth and jobs, and for the safety and quality of life of its communities.”

Further information on the Sydney Aviation Strategy and Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan is available online at infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/western_sydne/.

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