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TAKING THE ‘PINCH’ OUT OF SYDNEY’S PINCH POINTS

The NSW Government is powering ahead with its package of congestion-busting works on Sydney’s roads to provide immediate relief at notorious bottlenecks motorists find most frustrating.

Minister Gay said the Government is reducing the ‘pinch’ of long delays for Sydney road users, at locations notorious for congestion, particularly during peak periods.

“We have large-scale infrastructure motorway projects under way like WestConnex and NorthConnex, which will take years to build, but we also have our smaller projects that deliver immediate relief to motorists,” Mr Gay said.

“The NSW Government’s current Pinch Points and Clearways programs, worth more than $246 million, complement these large-scale projects and provide immediate relief at well-known congestion points to get people home to their families faster.

“We’ve delivered more than 80 pinch point projects in the past three years, which is about $84 million worth of work, with more on track to be completed in the next two years.

“We’re making improvements using a raft of measures including putting in clearways, making smart road improvements such as adding slip lanes and installing electronic message signs to help people make informed decisions while enroute.

“We’ve allocated this historic amount of funding to get this work done as quickly as we can to get the time-saving benefits to the motorists sooner.

“This is a government that wants motorists to get home to their families sooner and we’re doing what we can to make that happen.”

An example of the positive results subsequent to this work is more than eight kilometres of new clearways installed on the Princes Highway in June last year between President Avenue at Kirrawee and King Georges Road at Blakehurst, where improvements to traffic flow are meaning less delays for motorists at peak traffic times and on weekends.

More than 12 intersection upgrades and road improvement projects will be under way this year including upgrades at the Hume Highway and Miller Road intersection at Bass Hill, Pennant Hills and Marsden roads intersection at Carlingford and Milperra Road and Henry Lawson Drive intersection at Milperra.

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