WORK STARTS ON NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS
– STAGE 4 SHORTLAND TO SANDGATE

Port Stephens MP Craig Baumann has welcomed the start of work on the Newcastle Inner City Bypass from Shortland to Sandgate.

“The $133 million Shortland to Sandgate project will form part of the orbital road network to improve traffic flow and safety in and around the city of Newcastle,” Mr Baumann said.

“The major work contract for this stage of the project was awarded to Reed Constructions Australian Pty Ltd in February of this year and it is great news that work is starting on site so quickly.

“The work will extend the Newcastle Inner City Bypass from Sandgate Road to the Pacific Highway, about 300 metres north of the Sandgate Cemetery.

“The project includes the building of five bridges and 1.8 kilometres of four-lane divided road. Additional features include upgrading the intersection at Sandgate Road, with the building of a new roundabout and access ramps.

“This section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass will help reduce traffic congestion, improve safety and aims to minimise the impact on the local environment.

Mr Baumann said the extension of the existing Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass would provide improved access between the developing western parts of Newcastle, regional produce markets and the port of Newcastle.

The project is expected to open to traffic in late 2013.