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PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT GERRINGONG TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today announced the upgrade of the Princes Highway at Gerringong has taken another step forward with the selection of the preferred tender.

"The report on the tender assessment has been completed by the RTA and the next step is to negotiate the conditions of the contract with the preferred company, Fulton Hogan," Mr Ward said.

"It's expected the contract will be awarded in early December at which time the detailed design will be prepared.

"This will involve site investigations including soil and ground testing and surveys to determine the location and depth of utilities such as gas, electricity and phone lines," he said.

"Other preliminary work which has already started including property acquisitions and discussions with property owners along the route, including those affected by the recently announced five new access roads," Mr Ward said.

"This is part of the NSW Government’s commitment to invest $500 million to upgrade the Princes Highway," he said.

"It is expected major work will start in the second half of 2012.

"When completed, the 7.5 kilometre upgrade of the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road will include two new interchanges at Rose Valley Road and Belinda Street," Mr Ward said.