LISTENING TO OUR COMMUNITIES: OPTIONS UNVEILED FOR BULLABURRA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney, Barry O’Farrell today announced two options for a pedestrian bridge over the Great Western Highway at Bullaburra.

Mr O’Farrell visited Bullaburra with the Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for the Blue Mountains Roza Sage ahead of tonight’s Community Cabinet meeting in Springwood.

“My Government is committed to providing the infrastructure and services that Blue Mountains communities expect and deserve,” Mr O’Farrell said.

“A pedestrian bridge over the Great Western Highway near Bullaburra railway station would improve access and safety for pedestrians.

“I thank the Bullaburra Township Committee for raising its concerns with the NSW Government about the safety of pedestrians crossing the highway from the station once the Great Western Highway Bullaburra East upgrade is completed.

“My Government agreed to look into crossing possibilities and has developed two options which, from today, are on display for community comment,” Mr O’Farrell said.

Mr Gay said it is now over to the local communities to view the options and have their say.

“The first option is a pedestrian bridge across the highway with ramps and stairs, the second option is similar, but includes lifts to access the bridge instead of ramps,” Mr Gay said.

“RMS will take community feedback into account in deciding whether a bridge will be built as part of the Great Western highway Bullaburra East upgrade.

“If the decision is taken to build a bridge, detailed design and environmental assessment will then be carried out,” Mr Gay said.

Ms Sage has encouraged the local community to view the two options online www.rms.nsw.gov.au or visit the Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre in Lawson on Saturday 24 March between 10am and 1pm or Saturday 31 March between 11am and 1pm.
“This is an opportunity for the local community to decide whether these two options are worth pursuing further,” Ms Sage.

“A pedestrian bridge would allow pedestrians to cross the highway separated from the road and would also reduce the number of times highway traffic has to stop at the traffic lights for pedestrians.

“Project team members will be present at the Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre while the options are being displayed to answer questions.

“The Bullaburra East upgrade is funded by the NSW Government and major work is due to start later this year, weather permitting,” Ms Sage said.