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GETTING ON WITH THE JOB:
PREMIER INSPECTS GERRINGONG UPGRADE

NSW Premier Barry O’Farrell today inspected the $310 million upgrade of the Princes Highway at Gerringong and officially opened the project's new community display centre.

"It’s great to see work is well underway on this essential upgrade which will improve travel conditions and road safety on this key route," said Mr O’Farrell, who was joined by Kiama MP Gareth Ward and South Coast MP Shelley Hancock.

"Once the upgrade is finished there will be two lanes in each direction on a 7.5 kilometre stretch of the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road.

“We are also building two interchanges with access to Gerringong and Gerroa and a new bridge will replace the railway level crossing at Fern Street.

"Road safety will be improved with a consistent 100km/h speed limit and a median barrier to divide north and southbound traffic."

Mr O’Farrell encouraged members of the community to find out more about the project by visiting the new display centre at 446 Princes Highway, Gerringong which the Premier opened this morning.

"People are bound to have questions about a project of this size and the new community display centre is here to provide them with information about the upgrade," Mr O’Farrell said.

"Display posters, reports, designs and a computer with access to the project website are available at the centre which is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, excluding public holidays.

"Gareth Ward frequently reminds me and the Parliament of the importance of upgrading the Princes Highway."

Mr Ward said the Gerringong upgrade was a major pre-election commitment of the NSW Liberals & Nationals.

"One of the reasons I stood for Parliament was to end the talk and fight for real action on the Princes Highway," said Mr Ward.

"I'm very proud of the Government's investment in this project and am very pleased with the progress being made.”
“It is fantastic to see the O’Farrell Government delivering on its commitment to upgrade this section of the Princes Highway.”

Ms Hancock said the community will welcome this infrastructure project.

“This is a vital project which will have enormous benefits for the local community and for people who use the road,” Ms Hancock said.

Work is expected to be completed in 2015, weather permitting.

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