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Ballina Bypass improved concept design display

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Federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd and NSW Minister for Roads, Eric Roozendaal today welcomed the improved concept design for the Ballina Bypass which is now on display.

Mr Lloyd said a review of the approved 2003 design has been undertaken in light of recent planning on adjacent highway sections, construction issues and future traffic growth.

“The improvements to the concept design include improved traffic safety and flow, improvements to reduce soft soil issues and speed up construction timeframes and better connection to the preferred route for the proposed Tintenbar to Ewingsdale project,” Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd said this review has not affected the timing of the construction of the Ballina Bypass which is planned to be delivered under an alliance contract.

“Requests for proposals were recently invited from contractors for the Ballina Bypass upgrade and the assessment process is proceeding with a decision on the successful proposal expected in the next few months. Work will then be directed to completing the detailed design of the bypass.

“Initial work began on the Ballina Bypass in September 2006, and is currently scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

“The work is necessary to start stabilising the underlying soft soils in a number of sections in preparation for the construction of the Ballina Bypass,” Mr Lloyd said

Mr Roozendaal said the initial contract will involve construction of earth embankments that will carry the bypass across a floodplain where extensive settlement is anticipated.

“The initial works sites for constructing the embankments are located at Teven Road and Cumbalum (Emigrant Creek north).

“The Ballina Bypass will deliver approximately 12.4 kilometres of dual carriageway on the Pacific Highway.

“This important project will provide significant benefits to road users, including improved safety and reduced travel times,” Mr Roozendaal said.

The improvements to the concept design will be publicly exhibited until Friday 20 July 2007, at the following locations:

- Ballina Shire Council, corner of Cherry and Tamar Streets, Ballina
- Ballina Motor Registry, Ballina West Shopping Centre, Ballina
- Lismore Motor Registry, Carrington Street, Lismore
- Newrybar Hall, Old Pacific highway, Newrybar

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- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton

Project staff will be available to discuss the improvements to the concept design in more detail at the Richmond Room, Regatta Avenue, Ballina on:

- Saturday 23 June 2007, 9am-1pm.
- Saturday 30 June 2007, 9am-1pm.
- Wednesday 4 July 2007, 10am-6pm.

The project is being funded by both the NSW Government and the Australian Government under the Auslink program.

The Australian and NSW Governments will jointly spend \$1.3 billion upgrading the Pacific Highway in the three years to 2009 in addition to \$2.3 billion spent during the last decade.

The completed Pacific Highway Upgrade will mean 664 kilometres of continuous dual carriageway from the F3 Freeway near Hexham to the Tugun Bypass on the Queensland border.