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The Hon David Borger MP

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Pacific Highway Priorities Program announced

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Assistant Transport Minister David Borger today announced the priorities for the Pacific Highway upgrade program for the next five years and beyond.

Mr Borger said the immediate priority is to complete the double lane divided road by mid 2014 in three key areas:

- from the F3 Freeway near Hexham to Port Macquarie
- from Ballina to the Queensland border
- sections to the north and south of Coffs Harbour.

The next priority is the double lane divided road from Port Macquarie to Raleigh, south of Coffs Harbour, which will complete the section from Hexham to north of Coffs Harbour.

This will be followed by the completion of the double lane divided road from north of Coffs Harbour to Ballina.

Mr Borger said \$3.6 billion has been committed so far to continue the Pacific Highway upgrade between Hexham and the Queensland border.

“The Pacific Highway upgrade program is one of the largest infrastructure projects in NSW history,” he said.

“It will reduce travel times and improve safety by reducing road crashes and injuries.

“It will also reduce freight transport costs and will support local and regional economic development.

“Currently, 300 kilometres from a total of 677 kilometres of the Pacific Highway are now double lane divided road,” Mr Borger said.

“A further 54 kilometres are under construction. The remaining sections of highway are either approved for construction or have a preferred route identified.”

Mr Borger said the new-look website for the Pacific Highway upgrade program is also online.

“The new-look website has a variety of information, such as details of rest areas and the planned road safety work.

“The website also has a travel time calculator to help motorists plan their journeys.”

The Pacific Highway upgrade program is jointly funded by the NSW and Federal Governments.

Further information about the Pacific Highway upgrade program can be found at: www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific

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