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Joint News Release

PROGRESS MADE ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY DUPLICATION AT GLENUGIE

Federal Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Minister Anthony Albanese and NSW Roads Minister Michael Daley announced the environmental assessment for the \$60 million duplication of the Pacific Highway at Glenugie will go on display today.

The assessment outlines the proposed upgrade, potential impacts of construction and the measures that the Roads and Traffic Authority will take to manage the impacts.

Mr Albanese encouraged the local community to look at the environmental assessment, which will be on display until 11 September 2009, and have their say.

“We are now investing more than \$3.6 billion to duplicate and upgrade the Pacific Highway over the next five years, together with the NSW Government.

“This is the Rudd Labor Government’s biggest commitment to a single road anywhere in Australia and our investment is supporting jobs during the global recession.

“The seven-kilometre Glenugie duplication will support nearly 250 jobs each year during construction and improve road safety on the Pacific Highway.”

Mr Daley said the Rudd Labor Government has contributed \$54 million with the Rees Labor Government contributing the rest of the \$60 million project.

“Around 277 kilometres of the 677-kilometre Pacific Highway between Hexham and the Queensland border is now four-lane divided highway, with another 77 km under construction.

“Some of the key issues in the environmental assessment include improved amenities for nearby residents, animal underpasses, glider crossings and ways to minimise the impact on the square-fruited ironbark.

“I’d encourage everyone in the community to consider the assessment and provide their thoughts on this major upgrade before work starts later this year,” Mr Daley said.

The environmental assessment is on display from 12 August to 11 September at:

- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm
- Tucabia Village Store, 12 Cordini Street, Tucabia, Monday to Sunday, 7am to 7pm
- Woolli Post Office, 89 Carraboi Street, Woolli (shopfront window)
- Halfway Creek Service Station, 4974 Pacific Highway (Creek Restaurant) (24 hours)
- RTA Head Office, Level 9, 101 Miller Street, North Sydney, 9am to 5pm

Project staff will be available to discuss the environmental assessment at the RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton, on Saturday August 15 from 9am to 12 noon.

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