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NEXT STAGE FOR KEMPSEY BYPASS

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today said work on the Kempsey Bypass had progressed to the next stage with the shortlisting of alliance partners.

Mr Campbell said two consortiums - Thiess, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Leightons, Aecom, Coffeys - have been invited to participate in the second stage of the alliance selection.

“The Pacific Highway upgrade is one of the largest ever infrastructure projects this country has seen and we’re working with the Federal Government to complete it as quickly as possible,” Mr Campbell said.

“The Kempsey Bypass will expand the Pacific Highway from South Kempsey to Frederickton to a four-lane highway.

“This 14.5 kilometre bypass is an important project for the Kempsey region, which will improve this vital freight route and make driving in the region safer.

“It will also employ around 450 people directly and support more than 1,400 jobs while the bypass is being constructed.

“The RTA is making excellent progress in delivering this project and I’m pleased work is moving forward.”

Mr Campbell said the Kempsey Bypass would be delivered by:

- A combination of a design and construct contract for the Macleay River and floodplain bridges, and
- An alliance contract for the main road work, minor bridges and other work.

“This combination of an alliance agreement and a design and construct contract will ensure the project is delivered as quickly as possible,” Mr Campbell said.

“Stage two of the alliance selection process includes workshops and interviews to determine the most suitable applicant, which we expect to announce towards the end of the year.

“The design and construct contract for the main bridges over the Macleay River and floodplain will go to tender early next year.

“Construction work is expected to start in the first half of 2010 with the project scheduled for completion in 2014.”

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