MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday 11 March 2015

NEW BRIDGE DELIVERED: FAST-TRACKING GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPGRADES

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage have officially opened the new Bullaburra pedestrian bridge, as part of the Baird Government’s unprecedented $569 million investment in the Great Western Highway.

Mr Baird said the Great Western Highway upgrade had been fast-tracked to provide relief sooner for residents and businesses in the Blue Mountains.

“The Great Western Highway is one of this state’s key road links – connecting Sydney and the Blue Mountains,” Mr Baird said.

“We’ve invested 30 per cent more into the Great Western Highway than during Labor’s last term in office.

“This is a vital project to improve travel times and safety for the 21,000 motorists using the highway daily.

“The Bullaburra pedestrian bridge is part of the $75 million upgrade at Bullaburra East and forms part of the final stage of construction which will complete the Highway upgrade from Emu Plains to Katoomba.”

Mrs Sage said the upgrade would be a significant boost to Blue Mountains small businesses reliant on visitors from Sydney.

“I made the commitment at the last election that we would fast track work on the Great Western Highway and we have been true to our word," Mrs Sage said.

“The highway is vital in allowing this community to access work, health, education and all the vital services this community values

“The two kilometre Bullaburra West upgrade was completed last year. Bullaburra East is on track for completion by the middle of this year, while early work for Katoomba to Lithgow is already underway.

“I fought for this pedestrian bridge to be completed as part of the Bullaburra East upgrade because it is all about safety and access for the people of this community.”


MEDIA: Mark Tobin (Premier) 8754 5000