



# Media Release

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## **ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR \$12 MILLION PICTON ROAD UPGRADE**

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Minister for the Illawarra David Campbell and Member for Wollondilly Phillip Costa today announced another part of the \$12 million upgrade of Picton Road had been completed.

Mr Campbell said the work involved improving road and speed limit signs and line markings along various sections of the road.

“This stage of the upgrade included adjusting the line markings so there is a clearer separation of opposing traffic, and the installation of extra signs to let motorists know where they can overtake safely,” Mr Campbell said.

“New entry signs have also been installed at the entries to the Gora Area on the Picton Road Overbridge and Pembroke Parade.

“Like most residents of the Illawarra I often travel on Picton Road, so I’m pleased to see this project take another step forward.

“Today’s milestone is further proof that the Rees Government is getting on with the job of improving road safety around the state, particularly in the fast-growing Illawarra region.

“We are delivering an important upgrade which will give drivers confidence in a safer journey on this key arterial road.”

Mr Costa said the upgrades were aimed at addressing the cause of the most common accidents on Picton Road including head on crashes, vehicles running off the road and crashes in wet conditions.

“These are all practical solutions which will improve safety along Picton Road and provide a safer trip home for our families,” Mr Costa said.

“This Government’s clear commitment to Picton Road is a major victory for the hard-working families and local businesses of the region.

“Picton Road is not only an important road for the local community and the local economy; it’s also an important freight route to trucks heading to and from Port Kembla.

“Surveyors are already carrying out preliminary work for the next stage of the Picton Road upgrade which will include resurfacing and the installation of median barriers.”

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