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MEDIA RELEASE

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PICTON ROAD UPGRADE

The community is invited to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the western section of the Picton Road upgrade.

The NSW Government has committed \$44 million and the Australian Government has committed \$80.7 million to the planning of the upgrades of Picton Road.

Timing and funding for construction are yet to be confirmed.

From Thursday 1 February, the community can have their say on the REF by visiting <u>nswroads/work.pictonupgrade</u>. Feedback closes 5pm Thursday 29 February.

Transport for NSW will collate and consider the submissions received during the public display of the REF and prepare a submissions report.

During the feedback period the community is invited to meet the Transport for NSW project team and find out more at three drop-in information sessions.

The first session will be held at Wollondilly Shire Hall, 52 Menangle Street, Picton on Saturday 10 February between 10am and 2pm.

A second session will be held at Wilton Plaza, 1 Greenbridge Drive, Wilton on Thursday 15 February 2024 between 4pm and 7pm.

The third session is being held at Wilton Recreation Reserve, 20 Broughton Street, Wilton on Wednesday 21 February 2024 between 2pm and 5pm.

Quotes attributable to Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast Ryan Park:

"This Picton Road upgrade has reached an important milestone, and any feedback received during this time will help to shape and refine the final design for the proposed project.

"Picton Road is a vital road for many people who live in the Illawarra and I encourage all residents with views to share their thoughts.

"The review covers the western section of the upgrade and includes the widening and

upgrading of Picton Road for about five kilometres between the Nepean River and Almond Street in Wilton."

Quotes attributable to Member for Cunningham Alison Byrnes:

"The proposed upgrade of Picton Road is a great example of what can be done when you have a strong collaborative relationship between the Commonwealth and State Government. I urge people to provide feedback on this proposal to help ensure that it meets the needs of the community.

"Picton Road is a vital transport link for the Illawarra. The provision of \$80.7 million by the Commonwealth demonstrates that the needs of this region are in the forefront of the mind of the Albanese Labor Government."

Quotes attributable to Member for Wollondilly Judy Hannan:

"This important upgrade has been a long time coming for anyone who uses Picton Road and I invite everyone to get involved to make sure we get this right.

"Work in scope also includes upgrading the interchange at the M31 Hume Motorway to a diverging diamond layout with new bridges over the motorway and new shared pathways, as well as the reconfiguration of existing intersections along the western section of Picton Road.

"Upgrades to Picton Road will support growing communities and businesses across Western Sydney and the Illawarra-Shoalhaven by providing safer, easier and faster access to jobs, services, education and suppliers for generations to come."

Updated vision available here