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MEDIA RELEASE

BUILDING A BETTER COAST: AVOCA DRIVE UPGRADE POWERS AHEAD

The Minns and Albanese Labor Governments are building a better future for the Central Coast, with planning for the long-awaited upgrade of Avoca Drive in full swing and the first stage of the project now prioritised for delivery.

A joint \$130 million investment, including \$100 million from the Federal Government and \$30 million from the NSW Government, will upgrade one of the Coast's most congested corridors, improving safety and travel times for the thousands of motorists who rely on it each day.

The priority first stage will focus on a one-kilometre section of Avoca Drive between Bungoona Road/Carrak Road and Joalah Road/Killuna Road in Kincumber, easing traffic and delivering safer access for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

The project will see Avoca Drive widened to two lanes in each direction, upgrade key intersections, and include new shared pathways and bus stop improvements to make it easier for locals to walk, ride and catch public transport.

Community feedback will continue to shape the project, with the concept design and environmental assessment expected to be displayed for comment in early 2026.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Catherine King said:

"This is a great day for the Central Coast. The upgrade of Avoca Drive has been talked about for years, and now it's happening.

"This is about building safer, more reliable connections for the 26,000 motorists who travel this route every day, as well as the parents, students and local businesses who depend on it.

"The Albanese Government is proud to partner with the Minns Government to deliver the infrastructure Central Coast communities have been waiting for."

Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid said:

“The Central Coast is growing fast, and our infrastructure needs to keep up.

“The Avoca Drive upgrade will not only ease congestion but also support active transport and public transport connections, making it easier and safer to move around our community.

“I’m proud to see all levels of Labor Government working together to deliver this vital project for our region.”

NSW Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison said:

“The Minns Labor Government is focused on delivery – building safer, better and fairer transport connections right across NSW.

“Avoca Drive is one of the Coast’s most important east–west links, and this upgrade will help people get where they need to go faster and more safely.

“This is another example of our commitment to improving everyday journeys through better infrastructure.”

NSW Minister for the Central Coast, David Harris said:

“This upgrade has been at the top of the list for locals for a long time, and we’re getting on with the job.

“By working hand-in-hand with the community, we’re making sure the Avoca Drive upgrade delivers real benefits for residents, businesses and visitors.”

NSW Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch said:

“This is fantastic news for Kincumber and the surrounding community. Locals have been calling for this upgrade for years, and today’s announcement shows our government is listening and delivering.

“The improvements to safety, congestion and access will make a real difference for families, schools and small businesses.”

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