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Media Release

Building a better Lake Macquarie: Speers Point traffic solution to open for consultation

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The Minns Labor Government has unveiled its solution to fix the notorious Speers Point roundabout that has frustrated Lake Macquarie motorists for years.

The concept design for the \$16 million project is now on public display and open for feedback.

Once complete, the upgrades will deliver new dedicated turning lanes, roundabout metering with traffic lights during peak times, and improved safety for all road users including cyclists and pedestrians.

Traffic modelling shows the improvements will slash travel times by more than 50 per cent during morning and evening peaks, and 25 per cent during Saturday peak periods at the intersection of Five Islands Road, T C Frith Avenue and The Esplanade.

North West Lake Macquarie is expected to grow by 12,000 new residents and 6,000 jobs over the next 20 years, making these upgrades critical for the region's future.

The concept design incorporates extensive community feedback from consultations undertaken in 2024, with refinements including roundabout metering and extended turning lanes based on 59 submissions and 531 community pins on an interactive map.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to building the infrastructure that regional NSW needs.

Community consultation runs until 11:59pm Monday, 28 July 2025.

Have your say:

- Online: www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/speers-point
- Email: SpeersPoint@transport.nsw.gov.au
- Mail: Speers Point transport improvements Project Team, Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 30, Newcastle NSW 2300

Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison said:

"The Minns Labor Government is getting on with the job of fixing the transport bottlenecks that matter most to families across NSW.

"The Speers Point roundabout has been a daily frustration for thousands of motorists. We're not just talking about fixing it, we're delivering a solution.

"This \$16 million investment will slash travel times by more than half during peak periods. That means families getting to work and school on time, and businesses moving goods more efficiently.

"The Minns Labor Government is building a better NSW by investing in the infrastructure that regional communities need and deserve."

Independent Member for Lake Macquarie Greg Piper said:

"This is exactly what happens when we work together constructively to put the community first.

"I've been advocating for these improvements for some time because I hear from constituents every day about this traffic nightmare.

"This \$16 million investment proves that when you work collaboratively, you get results.

"These improvements will make a real difference to thousands of families trying to get to work, school and appointments. It's about giving people their time back."

Lake Macquarie Mayor Adam Shultz said:

"Lake Macquarie City Council looks forward to the NSW Government delivering this long overdue investment in the region's transport infrastructure.

"The NSW Government's concept design is a crucial step towards removing one of the worst traffic snarls in the Hunter Region.

"Infrastructure investment such as this is essential for keeping our community connected and moving efficiently, particularly in parts of our city seeing rapid residential and commercial growth."