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Joint Media Statement

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Work complete on Wetherill Street upgrade in Fairfield

The \$8.2 million upgrade of Wetherill Street in Fairfield, New South Wales is officially open to traffic.

Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said the Australian Government is delivering on its commitment to improve local transport connections for communities living near the proposed Western Sydney Airport.

“We are investing in the local road network by building new and upgraded roads to support western Sydney’s ongoing population growth,” Mr Fletcher said.

“Fairfield Council was provided funding to widen Wetherill Street to four lanes between Polding and Victoria streets as part the Australian Government’s \$200 million Local Roads Package.

“The Local Roads Package forms a critical part of the Australian and New South Wales governments’ \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan to build better roads for western Sydney.

Mr Fletcher said the region is one of Australia’s fastest growing, with an extra one million people expected to be living in western Sydney by 2031.

“Working together with the New South Wales Government and local councils, we are determined to ensure western Sydney has the road infrastructure it needs to support economic growth and jobs while helping local communities thrive,” Mr Fletcher said.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney Ray Williams said the upgrade duplicated Wetherill Street to a four-lane divided road, realigned the intersection of Wetherill Street and The Horsley Drive, installed traffic lights at the intersection of Wetherill and Shakespeare streets and improved side-street access to Wetherill Street.

“The pedestrian crossing outside Smithfield West Primary School has also been replaced with pedestrian-activated traffic lights to improve safety for schoolchildren,” Mr Williams said.

“This is an important upgrade for the area that will make it easier for motorists to access key destinations in the Fairfield Local Government Area.

“This area will also reap benefits from other Local Roads Package projects, including \$5.4 million in intersection upgrades along the Cumberland Highway and a \$16 million upgrade at Smithfield Road to provide safer and smoother intersections and continuous two-lane road.”

For more information on the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip.

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