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WORK MOVING AHEAD ON THE FINAL STAGE OF SCHOFIELDS ROAD UPGRADE

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney and Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP, together with Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly MP, today inspected work on the third and final stage of the \$340 million Schofields Road upgrade between Windsor Road and Richmond Road which is now in full swing.

"The NSW Government is delivering on this major investment to provide road upgrades in Sydney's north-west where more than 200,000 people are expected to move by 2045" Mr Williams said.

"This population growth will see the region expand and grow into a thriving community and we are improving major roads like Schofields Road to provide better connections to and from the area.

"We are pushing ahead to progressively upgrade Schofields Road to four lanes, with provision for six lanes when needed, between Windsor and Richmond roads to improve capacity along this critical east-west corridor" Mr Conolly said.

These roads will be required to support Sydney's fast growing North West including Schofields, Riverstone and Marsden Park, where more than 70,000 new homes will be built.

"The Schofields Road upgrade will improve journeys for road users between Rouse Hill and future Marsden Park town centres" said Mr Conolly.

The work also complements the NSW Government's \$135 million Richmond Road upgrade which will also improve access and travel times for people living in the area. Work on the \$140 million Schofields Road stage three upgrade includes extending 2.5 kilometres of Schofields Road to four lanes from Veron Road to Richmond Road.

"The project will feature two twin bridges across Eastern and Bells Creeks, new traffic lights at Carnarvon Road and provide for a future Fermoy Road connection to Schofields Road" said Mr Conolly.



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Meanwhile, work is also continuing on Stage Two between Tallawong Road and Veron Road which was fast tracked with a \$70 million commitment from the Housing Acceleration Fund.

Already more than 130 people on average are working each day to build both stages of work, delivering local jobs and economic growth for the region. Work on both projects is carried out Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and on Saturdays between 8am and 1pm, weather permitting. The Schofields Road upgrade between Windsor Road and Richmond Road is expected to be completed in mid-2018, weather permitting.

For more information on road upgrades in Sydney's north-west visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

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