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Member for Castle Hill Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney

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WORK STARTS ON \$41 MILLION SHOWGROUND ROAD UPGRADE IN CASTLE HILL

Member for Castle Hill and Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney Ray Williams MP today announced that major work has started on the \$41 million project to upgrade Showground Road between Carrington and Old Northern roads in Castle Hill.

Mr Williams said the 1.5 kilometre upgrade to widen Showground Road to two lanes in each direction will deliver significant benefits to the community.

"Castle Hill is a popular destination for local residents in north west Sydney with a large shopping and trade precinct, library, sports fields and bus interchange," Mr Williams said.

"Significant work is under way to provide a new rail link to Castle Hill which will connect with the bus interchange and road upgrades are required to complement the improvements in public transport.

"Showground Road is an important east west connection and while the road is two lanes in each direction at the intersection with Windsor Road, an upgrade of the remaining stretch of one lane road is needed to reduce congestion and meet future traffic volumes.

"A widened Showground Road would also provide better access to Castle Towers shopping centre which is going to be expanded to form one of the largest shopping centres in Sydney."

Mr Williams said the project will include intersection modifications at Pennant Street to provide additional turning lanes and bus priority measures.

"New traffic lights will be installed at the Rowallan Avenue and Kentwell/Cheriton Avenue intersection.

"There will also be access adjustments at Britannia Road to provide safer traffic movements.

"The project will be delivered by contractor Seymour Whyte Constructions as part of a Voluntary Planning Agreement between Roads and Maritime Services, Hills Shire Council and Castle Towers Shopping Centre developer QIC.



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"The first stage of work will involve the relocation of utilities with the project expected to be complete by April 2018, weather permitting.

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