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PRIME MINISTER

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ADDITIONAL NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN N.S.W.

The Australian Government has approved additional National Highway projects in New South Wales. These include construction and maintenance work on each of the National Highways linking Sydney with Melbourne and Brisbane, and on the Federal and Barton Highways to Canberra.

The Prime Minister and Member for Werriwa, Mr Gough Whitlam, said today that one of the Hume Highway projects was construction of stages of a four-lane divided carriage way from the Cross Roads at Liverpool to near Mittagong.

Other Hume Highway projects are four-lane work between Mittagong and Goulburn, and preliminary work on three new bridges at North Goulburn.

Mr Whitlam said that the roadwork would be carried out under the National Roads Act 1974. New South Wales will receive \$136.7 million for national roads in the State in the period 1974-75 to 1976-77. The 1974-75 allocation for New South Wales is \$32.7 million with a provision of \$44.8 million in 1975-76 and \$59.2 million in 1976-77. Mr Whitlam said that New South Wales would receive a further \$2.9 million for National Roads as a result of the February Premiers' Conference.

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