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PRIME MINISTER

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NEW URBAN ROAD PROJECTS

The Werriwa electorate will benefit from new urban road projects which were recently approved by the Federal Transport Minister, Mr Jones.

The Prime Minister and Member for Werriwa, Mr Gough Whitlam said today that the 7 projects in the Werriwa area would cost an estimated \$1,032,000 in 1974/75.

He said that \$158,000 would be spent on Elizabeth Drive, involving construction and widening to six lanes from Copeland Street to Maxwell Avenue, Liverpool. In Copeland Street \$342,000 would go towards widening to six lanes the divided carriageway from Hinkler Avenue to Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool. A project in Cabramatta will improve Cabramatta Road West, with construction work to widen it to four lanes from Church Street to Gladstone Street, Cabramatta.

Mr Whitlam said that the damaged bitumen pavement in Terminus Street from Scott Street to the Hume Highway in Liverpool would be reconstructed for \$40,000.

More than \$450,000 will be spent on three projects improving sections of the Hume Highway in the area. Construction work will be carried out at the intersection with Cowpastures Road, Leppington. This will cost \$90,000. Another \$102,000 will go towards widening the Highway from Cross Roads to South Western Freeway.

Mr Whitlam said that \$250,000 would be spent on the construction of kerbside lanes and reconstruction of damaged pavement from Atkinson Street Liverpool to Cross Roads.

He said that the urban roads program showed how determined the Australian Government was to help with improving the standard of Australia's roads wherever they happened to be. In this case the program had been worked out between the appropriate sections of the Australian and N.S.W. State Government. This showed just how practically useful such sensible co-operation could be. He said that the overall contribution by the Australian Government towards improved and updated transport in urban areas of N.S.W. would be over \$59 million this financial year alone.