



## **Warren Truss**

Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure and Regional  
Development

## **Jason Wood**

Federal Member for La Trobe



## **Terry Mulder**

Victorian Minister for Roads

## **Brad Battin**

State Member for Gembrook

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# **Joint Media Statement**

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## **New Clyde Road a bonus for Berwick**

THE Berwick community is enjoying safer and more fluid commuting since the Clyde Road Upgrade between High Street and Kangan Drive was completed.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss, said the upgrade now safely caters for the 30,000 vehicles between the Princes Freeway and Berwick each day.

“Before the upgrade sections of Clyde Road were a nightmare, with just one lane in each direction and traffic constantly interrupted by vehicles entering and exiting businesses, shops, schools and health centres,” Mr Truss said.

“The upgrade included signals at intersections and the construction of two additional lanes to provide a four-lane divided carriageway to separate turning vehicles from through traffic, dramatically easing congestion.

“Importantly, the upgrade is expected to reduce crash rates by 30 per cent by 2017 and travel times by around 20 per cent during peak periods.”

Victorian Minister for Roads, Terry Mulder, said in addition to the road and intersection upgrades, facilities for bike riders and pedestrians had been improved and landscaping had enhanced the character of the area.

“We have catered for cyclists and pedestrians, with a dedicated bicycle lane and footpath along both sides of Clyde Road and included pedestrian phases at all the traffic lights along this stretch,” Mr Mulder said.

“A section of Clyde Road has also had a major facelift with more than 80 new advanced oak trees planted to replicate and extend the boulevard feel.

“The upgrade has achieved what the community needed and wanted with safety and traffic flow improvements, and the overall enhancement of the streetscape.”

Federal Member for La Trobe Jason Wood said that in the more than six weeks since completion the upgraded Clyde Road had been a great success, and especially popular with locals.

“The improved access to and from the road and improved traffic flow through the area have been a bonus for local businesses, as well as locals going about their daily travel, and our local institutions like Monash University, Berwick Station and Berwick Activity Centre,” Mr Wood said.

“For the upgrade and aesthetic works to maintain and enhance the unique local character of Clyde Road and Berwick Village was important to the community, and the project has delivered.

“The 18 months of patience by the local community while construction was underway has now paid off,” Mr Wood said.

State Member for Gembrook Brad Battin said Clyde Road was now running smoothly.

"This duplication was long overdue. The former State Labor Government ignored Clyde Road for 11 years as it became more and more congested.

"As a local resident, I use Clyde Road frequently and have noticed a great improvement in travel times since the works were completed.

“I would like to thank residents and businesses for their patience during this project.”

The \$55.6 million project was jointly funded by the Australian (\$30 million) and Victorian (\$25.6 million) governments.

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