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**MAJOR CONTRACT AWARDED FOR NEWCASTLE
INNER CITY BYPASS
RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND PROJECT**

The NSW Government is getting on with the job of delivering infrastructure in the Hunter Region with the contract awarded today to progress planning for the \$280 million Rankin Park to Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

Minister for Roads and Freight today announced Aurecon Australia was awarded the contract for the concept design and environmental assessment for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond.

“Aurecon Australia will review will complete the concept design and environmental assessment,” Minister Gay said.

“The NSW Government-funded Rankin Park to Jesmond section forms the final stage of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

“The 3.4 kilometre project is planned to be built to the west of the John Hunter Hospital.”

Minister Gay said the project would improve travel on the surrounding road network including to the existing Lookout Road, Croudace Street and Newcastle Road routes.

“This government is determined to transform the Hunter, which is why we are building infrastructure right across the region,” Minister Gay said.

“The NSW Government invested more than \$392 million last financial year on roads in the Hunter to improve capacity and connectivity in this growing region.

“Building the Rankin Park to Jesmond project is expected to start in 2017, subject to planning approval.

“We will continue to engage with the community and stakeholders as planning for the project progresses.”

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