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PROGRESS ON NAMBUCCA TO URUNGA UPGRADE PROJECT

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell, NSW Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser today announced the short list of companies to be invited to submit tenders to design and build the Nambucca Heads to Urunga section of the Warrell Creek to Urunga Pacific Highway upgrade.

Mr O'Farrell said Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd, Boulderstone Pty Ltd and Thiess Contractors Pty Ltd have been invited to submit detailed tenders for the upgrade work.

"I'm very pleased to announce we now have a short list of companies to design and build this important stretch of the Pacific Highway," said Mr O'Farrell.

"We expect to award the contract in late 2012.

"The NSW Government committed an extra \$468 million to the upgrade of the Pacific Highway in last year's budget.

"We are determined to get on with the job of upgrading the entire Pacific Highway to dual carriageway."

Mr Gay said the Nambucca Heads to Urunga upgrade section was progressing well with the project team continuing with land acquisitions and investigations to prepare this section for the start of major work in 2013.

"The full 42 kilometre Warrell Creek to Urunga project is being delivered in two sections and will involve an upgrade of the existing highway to a four lane divided highway from Allgobera, south of Warrell Creek to the existing Waterfall Way interchange at Raleigh," Mr Gay said.

"The tragic crash in Urunga in January emphasised the importance of delivering the Pacific Highway upgrade as soon as possible, which is why we are getting on with the job."

Member for Coffs Harbor Andrew Fraser welcomed the announcement.

"I have long campaigned for the upgrade of this dangerous section of the Pacific Highway and I'm very pleased to see that we are making good progress on getting started on this vital work."

Planning for the Warrell Creek to Urunga upgrade is jointly funded by the Federal and NSW governments.

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