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F3 FREEWAY TUGGERAH INTERCHANGE UPGRADE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER

The upgrade of the F3 Freeway interchange at Tuggerah is a step closer with the awarding of the contract for major work, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell announced today.

"The \$18 million interchange upgrade will improve safety, ease congestion and provide for future growth and development in the area," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The NSW Government has provided \$4.6 million in this year's Budget to start work on this important project.

"I am pleased to announce that NACE Civil Engineering will begin work to establish the site compound expected by the end of this month," Mr O'Farrell said.

"Work on the interchange will be in full swing soon and should be completed by next year – delivering significant benefits for Central Coast motorists.

Local MPs Darren Webber (Wyang), Chris Holstein (Gosford) and Chris Spence (The Entrance) welcomed the key milestone in the project.

"This upgrade is essential because as our local populations have grown, so have the number of cars accessing the Freeway," Mr Webber said.

"It will involve the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of the southbound Wyong Road ramp," Mr Spence said.

"New traffic lights will be installed for the ramps on the western side of the freeway, combined with a new northbound on ramp which will loop under the existing Wyong Road bridge," he said.

"Community safety is the focus of this project as this new layout will reduce the number of vehicles turning across the path of oncoming traffic, Mr Holstein said.

"The project is expected to be completed in 2013, weather permitting," he concluded.