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## Joint Media Statement

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## Work underway on Camden Valley Way upgrade

A safer intersection between Camden Valley Way and Macarthur Road in Elderslie is on the way, with the first sod turned on the western Sydney project today.

Federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said the Australian Government was fully funding the upgrade under its \$200 million Local Roads Package.

"This upgrade will improve safety for traffic entering and exiting Macarthur Road, improve visibility for drivers on Camden Valley Way and reduce conflicts between turning vehicles," Mr Fletcher said.

"This is just one key local project to be funded under the \$62 million second round of the package, which follows on from the completion of \$29.4 million worth of upgrades under Round 1 in December 2016."

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor said the Macarthur Road intersection upgrade would realign the road to allow turning and merge lanes to be installed between the intersection and the bridge.

"This upgrade will help traffic move more freely and reduce the risk of vehicle collisions with turning vehicles," Mr Taylor said.

"It follows work by Camden Council that shows the intersection requires traffic lights to safely and efficiently manage existing and future traffic volumes."

Camden Mayor Lara Symkowiak said the works were necessary to increase the capacity and facilitate access across the local road network and connections to the broader region.

"The improvements will make it safer for local road users to enter and exit Camden Valley Way and include designated cycleway and footpath access points for increased mobility options," Cr Symkowiak said.

"The final element of the project involves landscaping to enhance the appeal of the eastern entrance to Camden town centre and access to Elderslie."

For more information on the Local Roads Package, visit <u>www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-west/local-roads-package/index.html</u>.

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