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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FULLY CASHLESS TOLLING TO BE INTRODUCED ON M2 HILLS MOTORWAY**

Acting NSW Premier Andrew Stoner and Roads Minister Duncan Gay today announced that fully cashless tolling would be implemented on the Hills M2 Motorway.

Mr Stoner and Mr Gay made the announcement at the Hills M2 Motorway in Marsfield.

"I'm pleased to be here today with the Roads Minister to announce that work to introduce a fully cashless tolling system on the M2 has begun," Mr Stoner said.

"The former NSW Labor Government failed to negotiate an agreement with the Hills M2 Motorway on cashless tolling.

"Unlike Labor, we have listened to the community and have been working behind the scenes to ensure cashless tolling can be implemented as soon as possible.

"Importantly, the removal of the toll booths will allow a consistent 100km/h speed limit to be in place for the length of the motorway once the widening work is completed.

"Given the NSW Government is already fast tracking the North West Rail Link, this is more good news for the long-suffering commuters of the North West."

The fully cashless tolling system is expected to be up and running by March/April 2012.

Mr Gay said that now was an ideal time to make the change because it could be easily included in the Hills M2 upgrade work.

"The introduction of fully cashless tolling will ensure an easier ride for motorists, remove the need for merging at the toll plaza and help keep traffic moving," said Mr Gay.

"I'm also pleased to announce that, during the period of construction and ahead of the introduction of fully electronic tolling, we've been able to identify some improvements to the current bus configurations which will help improve congestion and traffic flow.

“A dedicated westbound lane for buses will be introduced through the main toll plaza during the afternoon weekday peak which will help buses get to the front of the queue and avoid congestion.

“There will also be changes to the left westbound lane which is designated for Beecroft Road traffic only. Buses will be allowed to use this lane and then merge into the general motorway lanes near Beecroft Road.

“This change will provide priority for buses and benefit thousands of people who commute by bus each weekday.”

The RTA and Hills Motorway will continue to monitor traffic conditions and make adjustments where possible to improve traffic flow during the widening of the motorway.

The two year project is now one quarter completed, with recent work including the installation of large girders, known as ‘super-T’ girders at the Windsor Road bridge.

The project includes widening the motorway between Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills, and Lane Cove Road, North Ryde, as well as four new ramps to provide better links between the motorway and growing residential and business areas.

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