

NSW LIBERALS & NATIONALS: What they said about the Pacific Highway in Opposition (1996 to 2007)

BARRY O'FARRELL... fixing the Highway is above politics and we will get it done by 2016

"Only the NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to completing the upgrade of the Pacific Highway by 2016."

FACEBOOK – 8 MARCH 2011

"Should we be elected next March, one of the first things I'll do is sit down with Anthony Albanese and talk about speeding up the project..."

"The Pacific Highway should be above party politics. It's an ongoing partnership between the Federal Government and the State Government."

NORTHERN STAR – 9 APRIL 2010

ANDREW STONER... we'll do a better job than NSW Labor

"Only the NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to completing the upgrade of the Pacific Highway by 2016..."

"...the NSW Liberals and Nationals will immediately fast-track the upgrade of the Pacific Highway if elected in March.

"We are going to ... and set up the proper processes to ensure that instead of promises, people get projects."

MEDIA STATEMENT – 21 FEBRUARY 2011

"We've committed an additional \$5 billion on top of the infrastructure money already in the forward estimates in the state budget to fast-track vital projects. And I can't think of any more important than the Pacific Highway."

ABC RADIO (MID NORTH COAST) – 18 FEBRUARY 2011

"The Liberals and Nationals have always been committed to that [2016] deadline. If we can do it any earlier, we will."

ABC RADIO (COFFS HARBOR) – 24 NOVEMBER 2010

"[NSW Premier] Nathan Rees can't pass the buck on this issue. The upgrade of the Pacific Highway is a State Government responsibility, so it's up to them to get the job done."

MEDIA STATEMENT – 28 OCTOBER 2009

DUNCAN GAY... NSW government should match the Federal funding

"This fellow (former NSW Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal) is looking for excuses on everything he does..."

"I would hope this time he would have been a statesman and say, 'Yes I will match that money and save the lives of people in NSW that have to use this highway'."

ABC NEWS – 10 OCTOBER 2007

ANDREW FRASER... Federal Labor is doing a good job and the NSW government should "pour" its money in too

"The Federal Government ... have been contributing the lions share of the upgrade and it's high time the State

Government ... poured the resources into this road which is taking in excess of 50 lives each year."

MEDIA STATEMENT – 26 MARCH 2010

"I pay credit to the Rudd Government ... for increasing the funding arrangement. ... The Pacific Highway is a State road that effectively causes the loss of one life a week.

"The State Government must increase its commitment... **As ... Mr Albanese pointed out ... the Federal Government actually is carrying the State** in regard to the Pacific Highway."

NSW HANSARD – 21 OCTOBER 2009

"Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal refused to match a \$2.45 billion allocation to the Pacific Highway [by] ... the then Howard Federal Government... **All we ever hear is bleating from this [NSW] Labor Government that it is not a State responsibility. Yet it is a State road!**"

NSW HANSARD – 25 JUNE 2008