

What the Coalition said...

BARRY O'FARRELL – 8 MARCH 2011

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

ANDREW STONER – 21 FEBRUARY 2011

"Unlike [NSW] Labor, the NSW Liberals & Nationals will immediately fast-track the upgrade of the Pacific Highway if elected in March [2011]. The best way to fix the many black spots on the Pacific Highway is for the road to be dual carriageway."

DUNCAN GAY – 10 OCTOBER 2007

"I would hope this time he (the then Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal) 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'."

ANDREW FRASER – 21 OCTOBER 2009

"I pay credit to the Rudd Government ... for increasing the funding... 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 is actually carrying the State..."

JOHN HOWARD – 16 OCTOBER 2007

"My Government preference remains for the duplication to be completed by 2016, in line with our 2004 commitment [and] ... is willing to provide our share of the additional funding needed ... if the NSW Government will match our funding commitment..."

WENDY MACHIN, NRMA PRESIDENT – 27 FEBUARY 2012

“It was the Howard Government that set the 50/50 funding split for the Pacific Highway from 2006 and the NRMA has supported this approach since day one.

“While in Opposition, the current NSW Government frequently called on the NSW Labor Government to match federal funding for the Pacific Highway dollar-for-dollar and we supported this call too.

“To now suggest that funding should suddenly be reverted to an 80/20 model would ensure further long delays in finally upgrading this dangerous highway.”