

BRIDGE OVER HAWKESBURY RIVER AT WINDSOR ALTERNATIVE LINE TO HAWKESBURY VALLEY WAY



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Work starts on nation's longest bridge

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Abigroup has started construction on what will become Australia's longest operating road bridge close to Kempsey in northern NSW.

The [Macleay River and Floodplain Bridge](#) will be 3.2km long and Abigroup is responsible for the design and construction of **the \$185 million project for the RTA.**

Acting NSW Premier Andrew Stoner and Senator Matt Thistlethwaite were onsite to witness the first of the 394 piles, which will form the bridge's foundations, being driven into the ground at a ceremony held on 21 July to mark the start of work.

Mr Stoner said the structure will eventually span the Macleay River in the north – a distance of about 300 metres – and the floodplain to the south.

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• The Kempsey Bypass bridge

The Kempsey Bypass is a step closer to being completed with the finishing touches applied to the 3.2 kilometre bridge that stretches over the Macleay River.

The final support beam of the bridge has been put in place, connecting what is now Australia's longest bridge.

The completion of the bridge is an impressive feat, with 941 concrete beams—each weighing 65 tonnes—supported by 93 piers.

The next step for this project is to lay the concrete deck that cars will drive on. This will bring it a step closer to completing the Kempsey Bypass by mid next year.

Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese said when completed, this 14.5 kilometre divided highway will take up to 2000 trucks a day off the local streets of Kempsey and Frederickton, delivering faster, safer and smoother driving conditions for the thousands of motorists who use this stretch of the Pacific Highway each year.

The Kempsey Bypass is a \$618 million project, fully funded by the Federal Labor Government.

ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY LINE (“RICKABYS LINE”) PHOTOS



PANORAMIC FROM DEERUBIN PARK BANK LOOKING TOWARD MACQUARIE PARK



PANORAMIC FROM BEACH AT MACQUARIE PARK – RIVER AT LEFT CENTRAL HEIGHT