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# ANNEXURE 2

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# Rob Stokes MP

Member for Pittwater

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Ball Starts Rolling On Mona Vale Road Upgrade**

Member for Pittwater Rob Stokes today said he is delighted to announce that the RTA has begun preliminary works for a proposal to widen Mona Vale Road to four lanes.

Despite being continually overlooked and ignored by the former Labor Government, preliminary surveying and environmental works for the long awaited upgrade, between Mona Vale and Terrey Hills, are now underway.

"It's fantastic the importance of Mona Vale Road is now being taken seriously", Rob Stokes said today.

"The former Labor Government refused to even look at Mona Vale Road – instead placing the entire project in its too hard basket.

"It's taken an historic change of government but our community is finally being listened to.

"After years of Labor's inaction – work is now underway to examine the best ways to widen Mona Vale Road and improve congestion and road safety.

"Mona Vale Road has seen more than 400 serious accidents over the past 5 years and sees hideous congestion every day.

"For too long our community has witnessed Mona Vale Road being pushed aside and ignored – I'm delighted it's now receiving the attention it deserves", Rob Stokes concluded.

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