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**Bells Line**  
EXPRESSWAY

## Further Federal Government Funding For Bells Line Expressway

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Bells Line Expressway Group (BLEG) in conjunction with Bathurst Regional Council would like to congratulate the Federal Government on providing 100% of the funds that will enable the final study to be carried out on the 4 lane divided expressway over the Blue Mountains.

Congratulations to Kerry Bartlett MP, Member for Macquarie and John Cobb MP, Member for Gwydir for their tenacity in bringing about the \$20M of funding that will allow for the final study on the route to be carried out.

The current Bells Line of Road is the most treacherous stretch of road per vehicle per kilometre in NSW. It has been forecasted that the number of trucks that will be regular users of this route will double by 2020 – in just thirteen years time.

This project has the support from Councils and transport operators from the Queensland border to the Hawkesbury River, as well as many major western Sydney businesses for this new road over the Blue Mountains.

“It is imperative in the coming months for the group to seek a similar commitment from the Federal Opposition for the expressway during the lead up to the forthcoming election”, said BLEG Chairman, Ian Armstrong.

BLEG is looking forward to the construction of the Bells Line Expressway, which will open up the Central West and in particular the Food Belts of Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo, Cowra, Mudgee, Blayney and beyond.

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