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RE: Leighton Contractors in alliance selected as preferred contractor for Kempsey Bypass project

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by Leighton Contractors Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. MOIR
Company Secretary

Media release



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Leighton Contractors alliance selected preferred contractor for Kempsey Bypass project

Kempsey Bypass Alliance, comprising Leighton Contractors, AECOM and Coffey Geotechnics, has been selected as the preferred proponent to deliver the first of two major works packages on the Kempsey Bypass project in partnership with the Roads and Traffic Authority (NSW).

As part of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway, the Kempsey Bypass Alliance scope of works includes the design and construction of 14.5km of four-lane divided highway from Kempsey to Frederickton, excluding 2.2km of major bridge crossings of the Macleay River and floodplain.

Mike Metcalfe, General Manager NSW/ACT, Construction Division of Leighton Contractors, said today's announcement cleared the way for the continued upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

"Leighton Contractors is pleased to have the opportunity to continue to work with the RTA and its alliance partners on the Pacific Highway upgrade, drawing on our expertise and experience from similarly complex construction environments such as the Ballina Bypass," Mr Metcalfe said.

The Kempsey Bypass Alliance will now work with the RTA to finalise the commercial arrangement and sign a project alliance agreement. Subject to this, the Leighton Contractors component of the works on the Kempsey Bypass Alliance project is valued at approximately \$300 million.

For more information about the Kempsey Bypass visit the project website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Kempsey to Eungai).

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About Leighton Contractors

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia's leading contracting and project development groups with over \$9 billion work in hand, employing more than 9,000 people across Australia and New Zealand. The company services clients across a range of industries and sectors including resources, construction, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure and facility management.