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Gateway WA ahead of schedule, passes the halfway mark

Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons today welcomed the announcement that construction of the \$1 billion Gateway WA Project has now passed the halfway mark six months earlier than originally scheduled, with final completion projected by mid-2016.

The Gateway WA project is the largest road project ever to be undertaken in Perth and is jointly funded by the Australian (\$676 million) and the Western Australian State (\$310 million) Governments.

“The Swan electorate, and in particular the Kewdale-Welshpool industrial hub, will significantly capitalise from this investment, particularly through key local road modifications in Kewdale to accommodate the Leach Highway upgrade,” Mr Irons said.

“The improvements to road infrastructure residents and businesses are currently witnessing within the Kewdale Industrial Precinct are near completion, while four of the five new interchanges will also be completed before the end of the year.

Mr Irons said the project is now 60% completed with final completion projected by mid-2016, six months ahead of schedule.

“The scope of the Gateway WA project includes the construction and upgrade of five main interchanges, widening Tonkin Highway to six lanes between Great Eastern Highway and Roe Highway and upgrading Leach Highway between Tonkin Highway and Orrong Road to expressway standard,” Mr Irons said.

“Together with the Perth Freight Link and NorthLink WA projects, the Gateway WA project will form part of an upgraded high standard freight connection from Muchea through the Perth urban area to Fremantle Port.”

Mr Irons said it was clear both the Federal and State Liberal Governments are committed to not only supporting Western Australian motorists by slashing travel times and helping to unlock the state’s economic capacity through improved productivity, we are also supporting Western Australian businesses directly, with the project already creating about 1,300 construction jobs and the majority of works being undertaken by more than 600 Western Australian businesses.

“I look forward to witnessing these projects come to fruition over the coming years and the positive effects which will be felt across Swan and the greater Perth metropolitan region,” Mr Irons said.