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STATEMENT ON REED CONSTRUCTIONS

The Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and the CFMEU have agreed on a way forward to enable work on important road projects to recommence.

The Minister has confirmed his commitment to Reed's existing subcontractors being given first opportunity to provide their services in the completion of the projects.

Roads and Maritime Services will work through with each subcontractor the work done, their claims for payment and payments made by Reed. This will be cross-checked against RMS' payments to Reed.

In working through these matters an important principle for the government is that it is unable to pay twice for any work done.

RMS will also offer the existing subcontractors on the Central Coast Highway, where the majority of work has been completed, the opportunity to be considered for work on the former Reed sites on the Great Western Highway and Shortland to Sandgate.

Minister Gay and Brian Parker, Secretary of the CFMEU confirmed their commitment to ensuring that all safety and environmental requirements on the projects are addressed.

"The safety of all workers, the community we are working in and the travelling public is paramount," they said.

A number of concerns about fencing and ponding of water adjacent to the Hazelbrook Public School will be addressed as a priority.

Subject to weather, it is expected that work on the Central Coast Highway will recommence on Friday 8th June 2012 and over the following weeks at the Shortland to Sandgate, Great Western Highway and Alfords Point projects.

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