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PIALLIGO ROAD WORKS

Preliminary work to duplicate a stretch of Pialligo Avenue, Pialligo, started on Thursday, 13 December 2007.

The work is approved by the National Capital Authority and includes land clearing and the removal of some ageing pine trees on a 1.3 kilometre stretch of Pialligo Road between the intersections of Beltana Road and Brindabella Circuit.

Canberra International Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron, said duplication of Pialligo Road is designed to significantly reduce travelling time and congestion in the Majura Valley.

Independent studies commissioned by the Airport had established that duplication would ultimately reduce east-west travelling on Pialligo Avenue from eight to three minutes.

The Airport is sharing the cost of the road duplication works with the ACT Government. The Airport has also agreed to manage the project.

Mr Byron said residents of Pialligo were consulted about the works and, as a result, the Airport had agreed to increase the distance between the new stretch of duplicated road and adjoining rural properties.

Tenders for the actual construction of the duplicated road will close on 18 January.

Local companies are among the five businesses tendering for the work.

Formal construction of the duplicated road is scheduled to start 1 February 2008.