

## Media Release

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# Hills M2 turns 10

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Head of the Hills M2 Motorway, Mr John Collier, said today it was 10 years ago on Saturday May 26 when the M2 first opened for traffic.

"When the M2 first opened 10 years ago no one could have predicted what an important link the M2 would become for business and the communities surrounding the motorway and for Sydney more generally," Mr Collier said.

"In the first ten years of operation there have been around 253 million trips taken on the M2," Mr Collier said.

"That's 253 million trips to visit family and friends, to travel to and from work, to visit shopping, community and leisure facilities.

"Business has benefited too with millions of freight movements along the corridor. We've seen the rapid and continuing growth in Norwest Business Park now home to 400 companies and 17,000 employees that benefit from being located at the end of the M2.

"The M2 is an essential part of Sydney's infrastructure and essential to economic growth."

Mr Collier said that from its beginnings as a stand alone motorway in 1997 the M2 was now a part of Sydney's newly completed orbital motorway network.

"The M2 is now a part of a major network of nine motorways that play a critical role in moving people and freight in and around Sydney," Mr Collier said.

"The challenge for future is to ensure the M2 continues to operate as part of that network in a safe, effective and sustainable way."

Mr Collier said the 10th anniversary would be marked with an exhibition to celebrate the development and history of the M2.

"The exhibition includes images spanning from the construction of the motorway to the present day with newspaper articles and TV reports from the time of the opening," Mr Collier said.

"It's our way of thanking staff and recognising the role so many people have played in our history."

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Attached: Key dates in 10 years of the Hills M2 Motorway.

## Key dates in M2 history

**September 1993** – The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) invites proposals from the private sector to design, construct and operate the M2 Motorway

**February 1994** – RTA officially selects the Hills Motorway consortium as sole proponent to submit a firm offer

**August 1994** – Project Deed signed between the RTA, NSW Government and Hills Motorway

**December 1994** – Hills Motorway is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange

**January 1995** – Construction begins

**May 1997** – M2 opens to traffic

**January 2005** – Transurban announces take over offer for the Hills Motorway Group

**June 2005** – Transurban completes the acquisition of the Hills Motorway Group and delists Hills Motorway Group

**January 2006** – Express electronic tolling lanes introduced on Hills M2

**March 2007** – Interim third westbound lane introduced on Hills M2 between Lane Cove Road and Beecroft Road

**May 2007** – Hills M2's tenth anniversary