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## **NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT WORK UNDER WAY NEAR BLACK HILL**

George Souris, MP, Member for Upper Hunter announced that motorists will benefit from a major project under way to improve the New England Highway about 4km north of Willow Tree at Black Hill.

“The NSW Government is investing approximately \$2.2 million in this project to rebuild the highway at Black Hill to improve road safety and reduce future maintenance costs,” Mr. Souris said.

“The work includes drainage improvements, shoulder widening, work to strengthen the road surface and raising the guard rail along a 1.75-kilometre section of the road just north of the Colly Creek Road intersection near Willow Tree.

Roads and Maritime Services will complete the improvements between 7am and 5pm from Monday to Saturday for the next three months, weather permitting.

Partial lane closures and reduced speed limits will be in place on the New England Highway while the work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers”, Mr. Souris said.

Motorists are asked to follow the direction of traffic controllers, adhere to reduced speed limits and follow signs.

Access to the highway from Howards Road and Colly Creek Road will be managed by traffic controllers. Motorists may experience short delays and are asked to allow extra travel time.

There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise the impact on residents and businesses. Equipment may be parked at the Howards Road compound during the day.

Roads and Maritime Services thanks residents and road users for their patience while improvement work is carried out.

Up to date information, including any date changes and detours will be displayed on electronic message signs.

“For the latest traffic information, visit [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com), download Live Traffic App or call the Transport Management Centre on 132 701,” Mr. Souris concluded.

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