George Souris, M.P., Member for Upper Hunter, is pleased to announce road users are soon to benefit from major safety improvements on the Putty Road south of Darkey Creek at Howes Valley and north of Boggy Swamp Creek at Garland Valley.

Mr. Souris said the NSW Government provided $1.5 million funding through the Safer Roads Program for safety treatments and $478,000 to resurface the road to improve travel for all road users and reduce crash risk.

“In the five years to December 2012, 23 crashes occurred on these two sections of Putty Road including one fatal crash and 17 injury crashes,” Mr. Souris said.

“Putty Road is popular with recreational motorcyclists and this safety work also aims to reduce motorcycle crash risk, especially on road curves.

“This project includes road widening, resurfacing, installing warning signs and line marking to improve safety at these locations.

“Work will also include widening the painted medians to further separate traffic on some curves,” Mr. Souris said.

“Work is scheduled to start on Monday 24 November and is expected to be completed in early next year, weather permitting.

“Work will be carried out on weekdays and Saturdays between 7am and 5pm.

“Traffic control, a single lane closure and temporary reduced speed limits will be in place to ensure the safety of workers, motorists and other road users. Motorists are advised to plan their journey, allow extra travel time and follow all signs.

“Roads and Maritime will make every effort to minimise the impact of work and thanks the community for their patience while these important safety upgrades are carried out,” Mr. Souris concluded.

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