FEEDBACK INVITED FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GOLDEN HIGHWAY AT DENMAN

Member for Upper Hunter, George Souris, MP, announced that the community is invited to comment on proposed safety and traffic flow improvements on the Golden Highway which also aim to improve access from the highway to Palace and Crinoline Streets at Denman.

Mr. Souris said the NSW Government has allocated $3.5 million for the proposed improvements from the Resources for Mining Affected Regions Program.

“The proposed improvements aim to improve the flow of local and through traffic across the Golden Highway intersection with Palace and Crinoline Streets,” Mr. Souris said.

“Improvements include realigning a short section of the Golden Highway to bypass the existing four way intersection.

“The realignment would improve traffic flow for motorists travelling on the highway and particularly for large and oversize vehicles which would no longer have to brake loudly near residencies as frequently.”

Mr. Souris said this new section of road will change the way motorists access St Joseph’s Primary School, improving safety for students and pedestrians.

“Southbound motorists will use a dedicated right turn bay to access Palace Street and a new drop off area for school students. New driveway access will also be provided for St Joseph’s Primary School staff.

At this stage of the design, the project will not change the road height at the levee near the bridge over Sandy Creek.

The community is invited to comment on the proposal by 20 February 2015.

Comments can be provided by phoning (02) 4924 0235, emailing paul.galvin@rms.nsw.gov.au or writing to Paul Galvin, Asset Maintenance, Roads and Maritime Services, Locked Bag 2030, Newcastle 2300.

The community is also invited to a ‘drop in’ session to view the proposal, provide feedback and speak with members of the project team on 5 February 2015 between 3pm and 7pm at the Denman Memorial Hall Room, 30 Ogilvie Street, Denman.

Work is scheduled to start in mid next year, weather permitting. The community will be provided a finalised design and further information ahead of the start of work.

For more information on the Golden Highway upgrade visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au”, Mr. Souris concluded.