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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORK ON OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY COMPLETE

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Scot MacDonald MLC announced today essential work to improve road safety on a popular recreational motorcycling route on the Old Pacific Highway at Mooney Mooney, Mount White and Bar Point is now complete.

The NSW Government allocated \$1.3 million to improve motorcycle and motorist safety on the highway which has been funded through the Safer Roads Program.

"With the number of motorcycles on the road network increasing, the NSW Government is delivering targeted projects to help reduce the risk of death and injuries resulting from crashes," Mr MacDonald said.

"In the five years to June 2014, there were 50 crashes involving a motorcycle along these sections of the Old Pacific Highway, with two people killed and 48 injured."

"At Mooney Mooney near Karool Road the road has been resurfaced and the shoulders widened."

"At Mount White near Ashbrookes Road and Bar Point, improvements have been made to a number of curves where incidents have been recorded. Widened asphalt shoulders have been built and new kerbside barriers with motorcycle rails installed to reduce the risk of vehicles leaving the road."

Mr MacDonald said the NSW Government is prioritising motorcycle safety including legalising lane filtering, improving infrastructure on popular motorcycle routes and raising motorcycle safety awareness through the Ride to Live campaign.

"Ride to Live encourages motorcycle riders to make the right decisions, manage risk and speed, stay alert, and wear the right protective gear. It also encourages drivers to check twice for riders, especially at intersections or when changing lanes."

More information on motorcycle safety is available at ridetolive.com.au

Roads and Maritime thanks residents and motorists for their patience while the essential work was carried out.

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