SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS START ON NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY AT MURRURUNDI

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Michael Johnsen MP, Member for Upper Hunter today announced that Roads and Maritime Services will start work next week to improve safety for motorists on the New England Highway, west of Timor Road at Murrurundi.

Mr Johnsen said the NSW Government allocated $450,000 through the NSW Safer Roads Blackspot Program to upgrade the highway on two curves with a history of crashes.

“In the five years to June 2013 there were ten crashes which resulted in a fatality and four injury crashes between Campbells Creek and Timor Road, where safety improvement work will be carried out,” Mr Johnsen said.

“Work will include widening and sealing the road shoulders, installing 790 metres of kerbside safety barrier and improvements to the shape of the curves.

This work will be carried out Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm and on Saturdays between 7am and 4pm.

During the work changed traffic conditions including a temporary 40 km/h speed limit, lane closures and traffic diversions will be in place to ensure the safety of workers and motorists.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for its patience while this essential upgrade is carried out.

“The upgrade is scheduled to start on Tuesday 14 June and should be completed in four weeks, weather permitting,” Mr Johnsen concluded.

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